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Attempt To Run The Blockade

LONDON, FEB. 13 (REUTER).—ACCORDING TO THE "EVENING NEWS", A CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN LONDON TO THE EFFECT THAT SIX GERMAN SHIPS LEFT THE SPANISH PORT OF VIGO UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN AN ATTEMPT TO RUN THE BRITISH BLOCKADE.

Three others left Brazilian ports in addition to the Wakama, making a total of ten.

The newspaper says that the German vessels, which had been sheltering in neutral ports since the beginning of the war, received orders to attempt to return home or to scuttle themselves if necessary.

The ships which left Vigo are the Wangoni, 7,848 tons; Wahche, 4,709 tons; Orizaba, 4,354 tons; Arucas, 3,369 tons; Rostock, 2,542 tons; and the Morea, 1,927 tons.

The three German ships which left Brazilian ports recently are the Wolfsburg, 6,201 tons; La Coruna, 7,494 tons and the Koenigsberg, 6,466 tons.

WAKAMA SCUTTLED

The Admiralty has announced that the German ship Wakama was located by aircraft from His Majesty's ships in the South Atlantic yesterday.

On being ordered to stop by aircraft the German crew set fire to the ship and scuttled her.

A British warship later picked up ten officers and 36 men.

NEUTRALS AROUSED

Deliberate German Sinking Of Ships

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Neutral comment is becoming increasingly bitter about the Nazi campaign against shipping.

Bitter comments in Scandinavian and Swedish newspapers emphasise Mr. Chamberlain's statement that not one neutral ship has been sunk by the Allies.

The Netherlands press is also bitter, and Dutch indignation has been increased by the torpedoing of the liner *Burgendijk*.

Yesterday Holland learned from Berlin that the torpedoing of the ship was "a legal act."

Bound For Holland

Actually, however, Amsterdam messages say that the ship was bound from New York to Holland with a cargo nine-tenths of which was for the Netherlands Government and the remainder for Dutch importers.

There was nothing to show that she was proceeding to any belligerent port.

Norway, which has lost more shipping, thanks to the Nazis, than any other neutral country, has lost another vessel.

The *Snesland* was sunk by a mine or torpedo on Sunday while on her way from Norway to New York in ballast. All her crew were saved.

Contraband Claim

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Neutral inquirers were told in Berlin to-day that the *Burgendijk* was presumably sunk because she had contraband on board.

So far apparently no report has been received from the captain of the submarine which sank the ship, but Nazi circles declare that contraband would be the only reason that could make him torpedo a neutral vessel.

The Parliamentary correspondent
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THE FIRST original photograph of the final scenes at the scuttling of the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee. This picture shows the ship just before she settled beneath the waters of the River Plate. From bow to stern she was a mass of flames. Her hull is seen buckled and torn by the force of the exploding ammunition. (Fox Movietone news picture.)

LATVIA IS JITTERY

Russia Not Finished With Demands?

Riga, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—It is reported in Rio de Janeiro that when the crew of the Wakama noticed the presence of H.M. cruiser Hawkins, they scuttled the ship off the coast of Brazil 13 hours after leaving Rio de Janeiro.

Meanwhile contradictory reports circulated here regarding the fate of the 43 members of the crew.

Some newspapers stated that they were saved by the Hawkins while others said they were drowned.

The Wakama was bound for Recife (Pernambuco) carrying a full cargo of 6,000 tons of grain, coffee, lard, leather, minerals and cotton.

She was the last German ship at Rio de Janeiro, to which port she had arrived a week before the outbreak of war.

Valuable Cargo

There is no explanation why the S.O.S. from the Wakama before she was scuttled was received in Rio de Janeiro yesterday afternoon and was relayed by the Spanish freighter Arlaga Mendi, 5,535 tons. The Spanish vessel said she was 48 miles from the position and was sending prompt assistance. She later wire-lesss that she had arrived and found no trace of the Wakama.

The scuttled Wakama's cargo, it is reported, may be valued at £250,000.

NO EXCHANGE OF COMMODITIES

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, in answer to a question as to what commercial transactions had taken place between Britain and Russia during the last three months, Sir Andrew Duncan, new President of the Board of Trade, said that, regarding the agreement signed last October with Soviet Russia for the exchange of timber against rubber and tin, he had been informed that it had not been found possible for the exchange of these commodities to take place.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that the Naval Authorities will be testing the air raid warning siren situated on Stonecutters Island to-morrow commencing at 2.30 p.m.

A conference between Mr. Ernest Brown and representatives of the Union lasted 2½ hours and when the proposals have been considered a further conference will be held.

The Parliamentary correspondent
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U.S. LOAN TO CHUNGKING

U.S. Senate Approves Appropriation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (UP).—By a vote of 49 to 27 the United States Senate has approved the Bill increasing the capital of the Export & Import Bank by \$100,000,000 to enable the United States to make additional loans to China and Finland.

The Bill now goes to the House of Representatives, where an early approval is expected.

WESTERN FRONT

German Raid Repulsed

PARIS, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states that east of the Moselle an enemy raid, preceded by trench mortar and artillery preparation, has failed completely.

There was infantry fire on the Rhine and also aviation activity.

Blitz Gold In Battle Zone

PARIS, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Despite the new cold wave which has descended on the Western Front, British planes made a long reconnaissance flight over north-west Germany and returned safely although attacked by German fighters. It is stated here.

On the front itself the thermometer has fallen to eight degrees above zero Fahrenheit, and all activities are at a stand-still except patrolling and reconnaissance flights.

The French Air Force also made a similar flight and a number of sorties were made by their fighter machines.

One German plane toured over northern France.

German Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 13 (UP).—The German News

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Reds Hammer At Finland's Defence Line

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Yesterday was the 12th day of the Soviet attack on the Mannerheim Line.

The increased intensity of the attack shows that the Soviets have received reinforcements and are relying on the pressure of tanks, guns and infantry to overwhelm the Finns through exhaustion.

The Soviets claim to have captured 32 defence forts in the Karelian Isthmus. This is denied by the Finns.

In the far north heavy snow

has held up operations but

Soviet planes have bombed

Finnish positions.

To-day's Finnish communiqué

says:

"Russian attacks continued during

February 12 with undiminished force

in the Summa sector.

"At Muolankarvi, Punnus and

Tainula, the attacks were driven back

and Finnish troops underook

numerous successful counter-attacks.

At least 23 tanks were put out of

action. The fighting continues.

"North of Lake Ladoga, all Russian

attacks were driven back and at

Pilkantaara the greater part of an

enemy column of 100 vehicles was

destroyed.

Aerial Combats

"During February 12, the Finnish

air force participated in air combats

and in addition carried out recon-

naissance flights, besides 'bombing

enemy columns and bases.

"In the war zone, the enemy con-

centrated air activity on the front

line and its immediate vicinity, over

the Isthmus, and north of Lake

Ladoga.

"Finnish fighters and anti-aircraft

artillery shot down four enemy

machines, according to confirmed

reports, while in addition there are

a number of unconfirmed cases."

Stab in The Back?

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Pro-

fessor Tancred Borenius, noted

Finnish professor, says that skilled

German officers are now with the

Soviet forces.

"We have reason to expect a Ger-

man Expeditionary Force before long

in South Finland. We must expect

a stab in the back exactly as in the

case of Poland," he said.

LATEST

Rescue After

28 Hours

Survivors Of Trawler Crew Suffer Severely

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—After

28 hours in an open boat, eleven

members of the crew of the British

trawler, Togimo, all suffering from

exposure and three seriously wound-

ed, were landed at a port in south-

east Elbe to-day.

The trawler was sunk by a U-boat

which shelled them and killed one of

the crew.

Before the Spanish steamer, Mon-

tevano, rescued them, they had to

exist upon a ration of one biscuit and

a few spoonfuls of water.

Captain James Gale, who won the

D.S.O. in the last war, stated that he

was on watch on Sunday morning

when a shot from a U-boat 500 yards

away started him. The trawler ex-

ploded all lights and attempted to</

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 7th Feb.

Feb. 14.

Canton, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 4th January) ... Feb. 14.

Feb. 14.

Air Mail by Imperial Airways Direct Service—London date, 7th Feb.

Feb. 15.

Canton, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 4th January) ... Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

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Feb. 15.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20th January) ... Feb. 15.

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Australia and Manila Feb. 15.

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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 6th February ... Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

Hainan Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

Japan Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

Saigon Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

Shanghai Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 26th January) ... Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Shanghai (Parcels only) ... 3.30 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Ford-Bayard and Holhoff ... 1.30 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Province only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 22nd Feb.

Feb. 14.

K.P.O. Feb. 14, 5 p.m.

Feb. 14, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O. Feb. 14, 5 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Reg. Feb. 14, 5 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Ord. Feb. 14, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th March.

Feb. 14.

G.P.O. and K.P.O. Feb. 14, 5 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Reg. Feb. 14, 5 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Ord. Feb. 14, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Shanghai 7.15 a.m.

Feb. 14.

Shanghai 10.30 a.m.

Feb. 14.

Sandakan 12.30 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Tientsin (Parcels only) ... 12.30 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Fort Bayard 2.30 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Hainan 3 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Amoy and Shanghai 7 p.m.

Feb. 14.

Friday, Feb. 16.

7.15 a.m. Tourane 8.30 a.m.

Feb. 16.

8.30 a.m. Japan 9.30 a.m.

Feb. 16.

Malta, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 20th February.

Feb. 16.

K.P.O. Feb. 16, 4 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Parcels Feb. 16, 4 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Ord. Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Parcels Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Air Mail for Manila, Guan, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 23rd February.

Feb. 16.

K.P.O. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Ord. Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Parcels Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Monday, Feb. 10.

7.15 a.m.

Dairen 8.30 a.m.

Feb. 16.

Haiphong 1 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Canton 7 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Strals and Calcutta 7 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Parcels Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Feb. 16.

Ord. Feb. 16, 6.30 a.m.

Feb. 16.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 15th February, 1940, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 3rd, February to Thursday, 15th, February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1940.

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1.03 Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

2.15 Close Down.

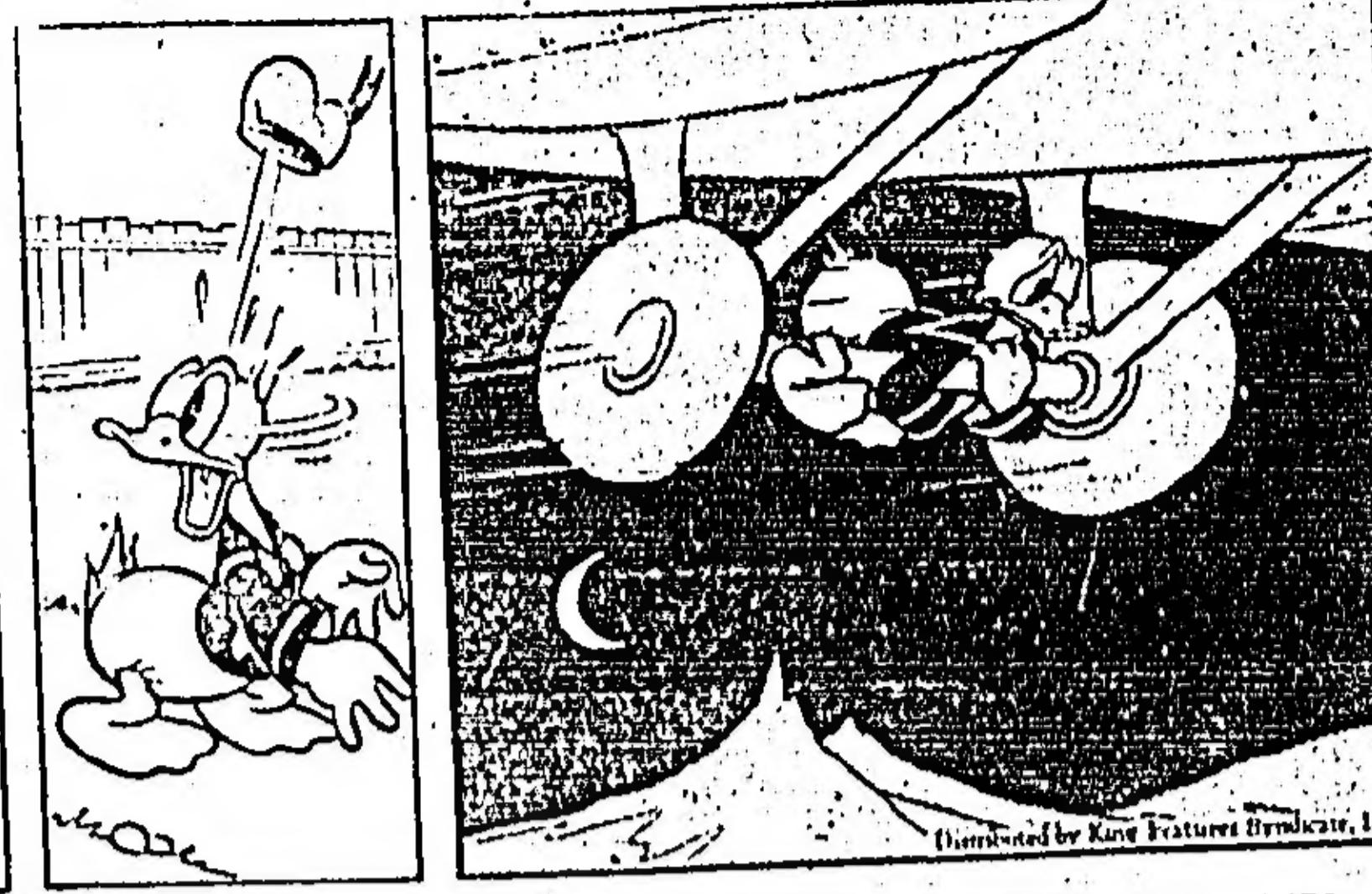
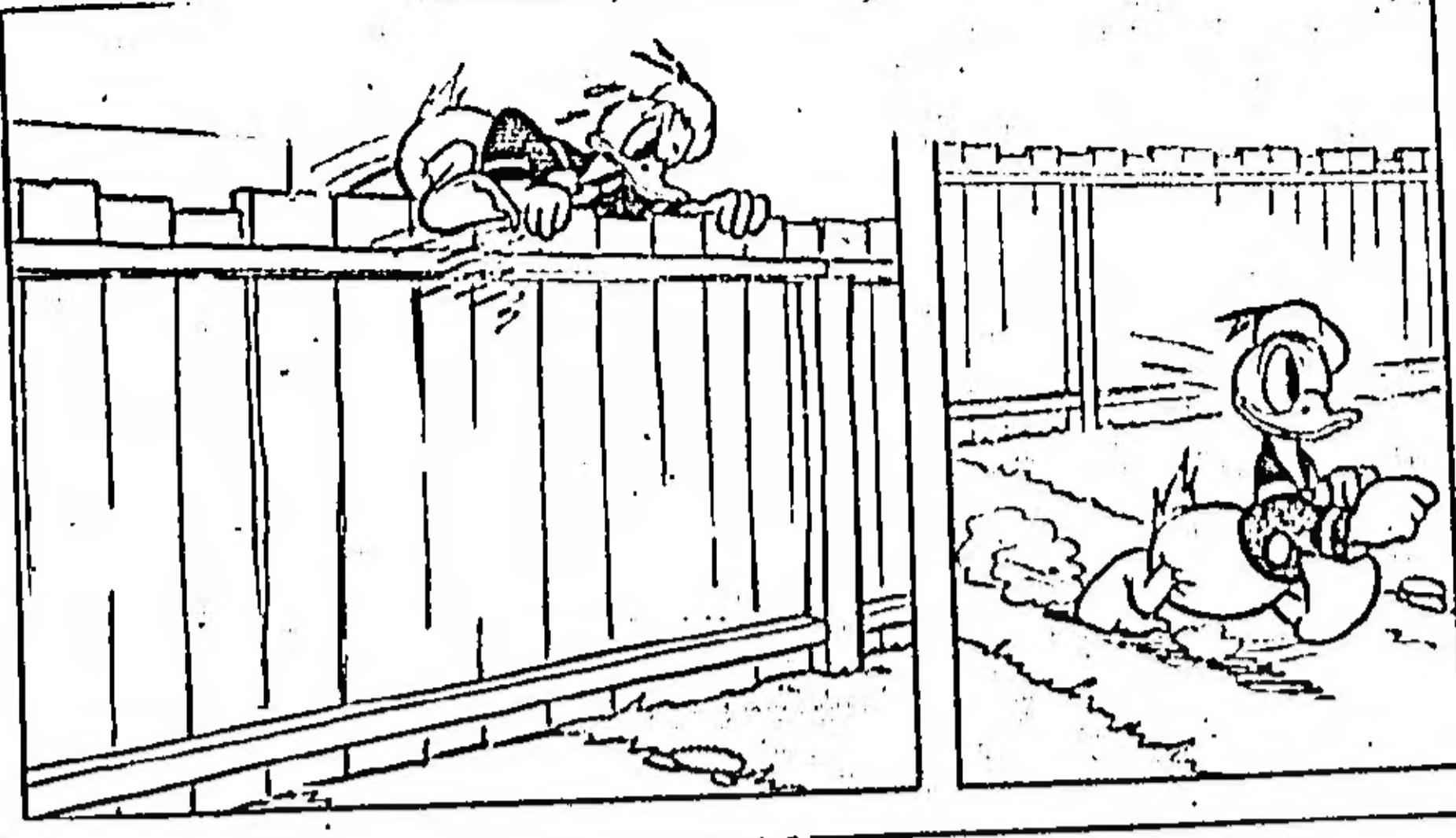
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Turned Son Out of Home

Father Of 'C.O.' Finds He Has Conscience Too

A YOUNG man whose father turned him out of his home because of his pacifist views appeared before the Conscientious Objectors' Appeal Tribunal in London.

He was R.S. Hildersley, of New Southgate, N., who had been refused registration by the London Tribunal. Mr. Walter Hildersley said that his son, who was born during an air raid, would not join the Boy Scouts because of his dread of soldiers.

Four years ago his son developed pacifist views, and very acute arguments took place in the home.

"When we knew of his registration as a conscientious objector, things became very bad at home. After his tribunal appearance, at which I refused to help him in any way, he surprised us by appealing against the decision.

Unfair

"This led to a further serious dispute, and ended by me telling him to leave the home. This he did.

"It was then I discovered I had a conscience too. I decided it was unfair for me to judge him when he should be governed by the decisions of this court."

A Ministry of Labour representative said that the Minister wished to emphasise that it was perfectly possible for an applicant to have definite political objections to the present Government and the present war and yet to have an absolute objection to all war.

The appeal tribunal varied the decision of the London tribunal by registering Hildersley for non-combatant duties.

Wearing the uniform of a sergeant in the Salvation Army, H. Love of Kingston-on-Thames, appealed against being registered for non-combatant duties.

Major Grant, Matthews, said that out of his corps of the Salvation Army Love was the only one who was a conscientious objector.

Sir Leonard Castello (a member of the tribunal, to Love): You say that being under authority would not be

WHY THE DUTCH MOBILISED

Nazi Plans Fell Into Hands

LIEGE.

I am now able to tell the remarkable story of how the Belgian and Dutch Governments came into possession of Nazi plans which led them to take special defence measures.

A German officer's haste to rejoin his newly-married wife was the prime cause in a chain of events which resulted in the plans falling into Belgian hands.

A German plane made a forced landing at Mechelen-sur-Meuse, on the Belgian frontier near here. Two officers were in the machine.

One of them belonged to the group of airmen which has its headquarters at Cologne. He was the officer who carried the vitally important documents.

Told To Go By Train

I learn that he had been ordered to convey these documents, which were very bulky, from Berlin to Cologne. So that no risks should be taken, the officer had been told to travel by train. The High Command in Berlin had, in fact, provided him with a first-class railway pass.

It happened that the officer had only recently been married. His wife was living in Cologne. The train journey would have taken so long that he would not have been able to see her the same evening.

He heard that one of his friends, an airman, was just on the point of leaving Tengelhof for Cologne, and the staff officer decided to take this chance of reaching his wife so much more speedily.

As the result of a big navigational error, the pilot crossed the Rhine to the north of Cologne and found himself over the Dutch border.

He was greeted by anti-aircraft fire. He consequently turned south, and a few minutes later had to make a forced landing in a meadow at Mechelen-sur-Meuse.

Borrowed Matches

The first thing the staff officer did was to ask a peasant for some matches. With these he tried to set fire to his documents.

Belgian soldiers hastened to the plane, however, and forcibly prevented the officer from destroying the papers.

The two Germans were taken to the nearest military post for questioning. During the interview the Nazi Staff officer succeeded in snatching the documents and throwing them into the fire. A Belgian officer was able, however, to recover them before they caught fire.

There could thus be no doubt that these papers were of exceptional importance. According to my information, they related to the transfer to the left bank of the Rhine of 22 newly-formed divisions.

Facts Confirmed

This movement was in course of being carried out. Some of these divisions were to go to the Dutch frontier, but the great majority were destined for the Belgian frontier.

The Belgian Intelligence Service was speedily able to confirm that these troop movements were in fact taking place.

At the same time news was received of the arrival in the Aachen area of the Belgo-German frontier of two Army corps, each consisting of three divisions.

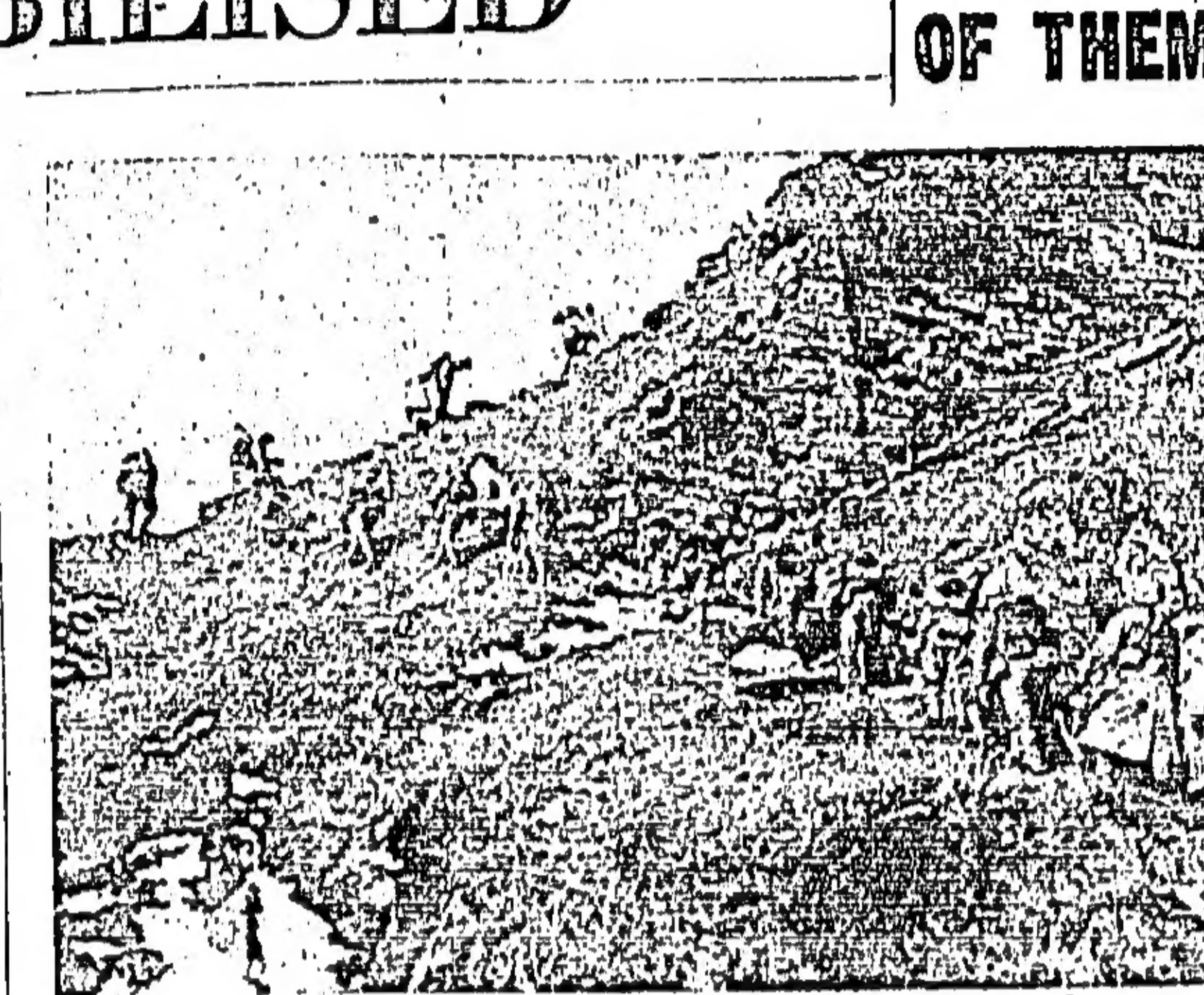
While the movement of troops in the sense indicated by the captured plans was thus clearly taking place, it was not possible to be sure whether these movements were to be regarded as a concentration or were merely designed to relieve units already in the area.

At the same time, there was nothing in the papers taken from the German officer at Mechelen which made it possible to place any certainty on this interpretation of the troop movement.

The one fact which is certain is that at the present moment there are between 50 and 80 divisions on the frontier between Holland and Belgium.

The movement of troops has yet taken place, and back into the interior of Germany has yet taken place.

Information 57 (Continued)



THIS PHOTOGRAPH epitomises the difficulties encountered by Japan in her war with China. It shows Japanese soldiers toiling upwards on a snow-clad battlefield in the north.—Domel.

"SOME FOOLERY," SAYS CORONER: 2 MEN CENSURED

AFTER a jury had returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure" at the inquest on Miss Evelyn M. Brotherton (18), of St. Albans, who was shot while on duty as a telephone operator at Harpenden Post Office, the coroner severely censured a soldier and a civilian.

Evidence had shown that the shot was accidentally fired by Trooper Arthur Williams after he and Geoffrey Debenham, a telephone operator, had been examining Williams's revolver.

Addressing Williams, the coroner said: "I am saying very little to you because I think you will be dealt with very faithfully elsewhere. I am speaking now to both of you, and especially to Debenham.

"You were in charge, Williams, of a lethal weapon. You have failed in your duty; you should let no one touch that weapon and you should not have forsaken a post which has been assigned to you."

Debenham had interfered "out of sheer curiosity," said the coroner.

In his summing-up earlier, the coroner said that some idle curiosity induced Debenham to handle the revolver and then "some foolery took place."

Williams, in evidence, said he was the military guard at the post office and left his post at 7.40 and spoke to Debenham, who lifted witness's revolver partly from its holster.

Witness then handed the weapon to him.

"Debenham pointed the revolver at the glass door leading to the switch room. I could not see into the room, but I knew there were people working there," continued Williams.

Hidden By A Screen

"We both pushed the door open. There was a screen in the room preventing us from seeing completely into it. Debenham poked the revolver round the screen towards the switch round. I went to the screen and got my hand partly round the butt. While I was holding it a bullet was discharged from the revolver."

He had been in the Army for 14 months. This was the third time he had acted as guard at the post office. He was fully competent to load, unload and use the weapon.

Williams shook his head when asked by the coroner if the trigger could have been touched by Debenham.

The Coroner: Have you any explanation as to how that weapon was discharged?—Only that when I tried to take it from Debenham I caught the trigger and it went off.

Geoffrey Alan Debenham, of Ox Lane, Harpenden, said he had never handled a firearm before and did not know that the revolver was loaded.

Williams took the revolver completely from my grasp," Debenham added, "and pointed it round the screen. The gun went off. I stepped back into the passage started to walk back into the room and saw the bullet on the floor. I plugged it into the switchboard and called a doctor. The doctor said Williams's arm was broken."

Information 57 (Continued)

TOUGH CLIMB AHEAD OF THEM



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9689—I'm sending a letter to Santa Claus	Clara. With Organ accompaniment.
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9073—A Mother's prayer at twilight	Sandy Powell.
0911—How ashamed I was	Sandy Powell.
0912—Oh! Ain't it grand to be in the Navy	Billy Cotton and his band.
I'll remember.	Billy Cotton and his band.
9670—Till the lights of London shine again	Oscar Rabin & his Romany band.
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2—Fireside (abbr.)

3—Roosevelt

4—Free juice

5—Enough

6—George Russell's pseudonym

7—Human race

8—Food from orchids

9—Doll

10—Tiny bottle

11—Port

12—Canton

13—Allow

14—Doll

15—Handwriting

16—Halibut

17—Fossils

18—Anglo-Saxon

19—Finger

20—Pigpen

21—Plate

22—Finger

23—Finger

24—Finger

25—Finger

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DEATHS

HODGSON.—Died at War Memorial Nursing Home, Hongkong, on February 14, 1940, Paul Mary Hodgson, aged 60 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 o'clock to-day. No flowers by request.

MAHLER.—At the Queen Mary Hospital on February 13, Maria Junina Barros Maher (Jany), at the age of 73. The cortège will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day, starting from Anderson's Funeral Parlour. No flowers by request. Macao and Shanghai papers please copy.

Wednesday, February 14, 1940.

The Hongkong Telegraph

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Hongkong And Finland

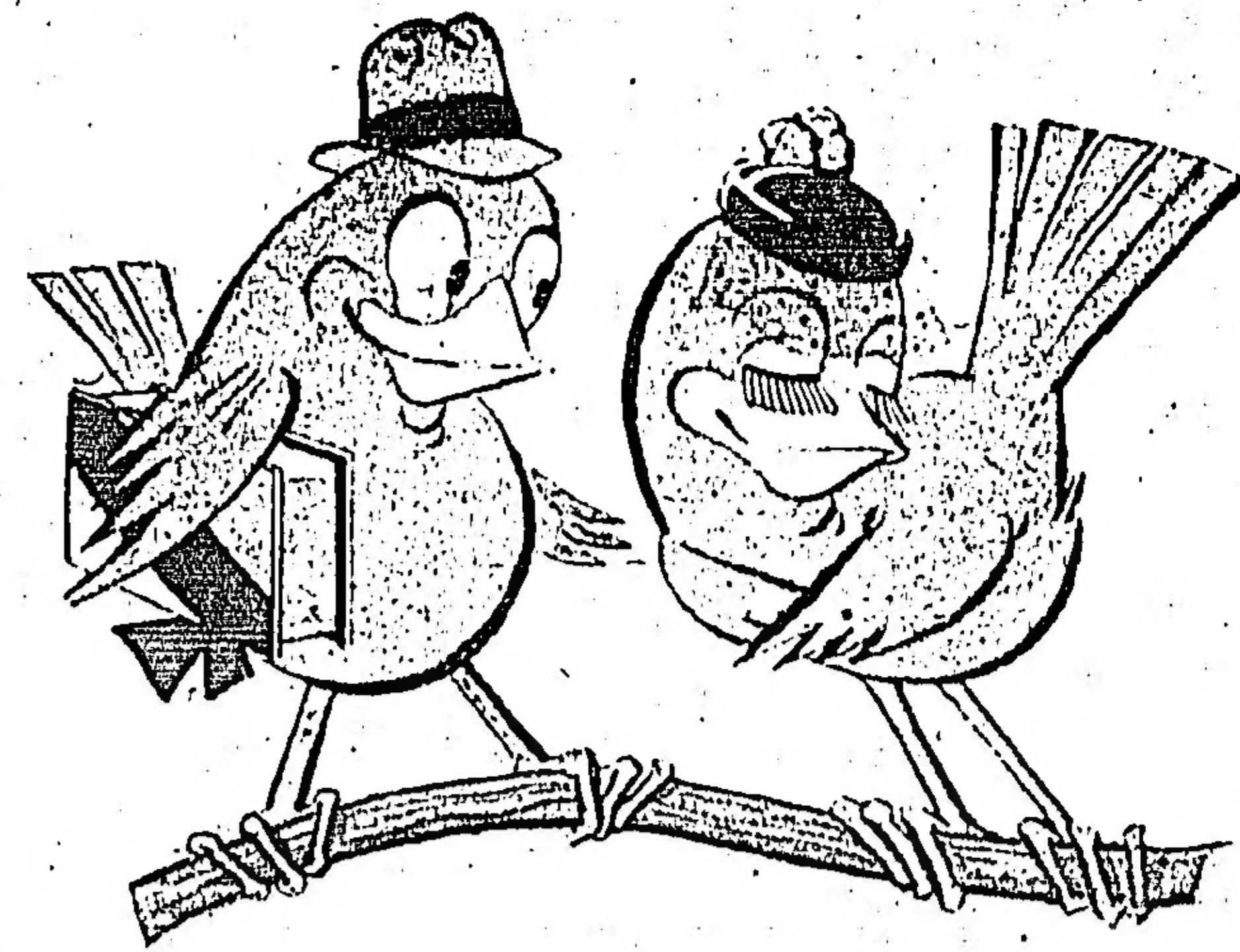
ELEVEN weeks of war against surging hordes, armed with all the aircraft and tanks and artillery that the energies of the continental mass of Russia can produce, find Finland still unconquered and resolute. From the blows of the giant her head is "bloody but unbowed." Military critics, even the friendliest, thought the Finnish resistance could be no more than a gallant gesture soon overwhelmed. The army of the Finns numbers less than 500,000 men, and Stalin counts his hosts by millions. But despite bombing of her towns, despite attacks from many points supported by heavy gun-fire and squadron after squadron of tanks and inexhaustible waves of infantry, no dandy would has yet been given to the Finnish defence. The valiant resistance offered to the latest massed onslaught makes most heartening reading. The Finns still maintain themselves against the central threat to divide their country across its narrowest point at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, and the Mannerheim Line across the Karelian Isthmus defies the massed artillery and the squandered legions of Stalin. But civilisation must ask itself how long human fortitude can struggle against such monstrous odds?

Finland is civilization's outpost against barbarism. If her freedom and the noble way of life which she has won go down before the Robot tyranny of Soviet Russia all Scandinavia will be threatened by a like slavery. The League of Nations has already asked its members severally in what manner they intend to assist Finland in defeating an outrage which they condemned and for which the aggressor was expelled. From the South American States, which were the prime movers in this decision, Finland can only obtain financial support or, in time, foodstuffs. On behalf of the British Empire the promise has already been given that the Finns will receive from British factories aircraft and other material and Britain is acting in close concert with the French. What have the neutral countries to offer Finland? She is the champion of them all in a desperate fight, and some of the European neutral nations have great material interest in her cause. Those across the seas owe it the support of like ideals.

We in Hongkong, although far away from the scene of Russian barbarism, can do our small bit to help Finland's resistance. It is gratifying to note that despite the many calls on our pockets, Hongkong has responded readily to the "Friends of Finland" fund inaugurated by the Consul for Finland and that the total yesterday stood at £7,734, enabling two remittances totalling £465 to be sent to Finland.

It is well said that Finland's cause

**Happy
days
again
(after to-day)**



According to country folk to-day is the day when the birds of the air choose their mates.

wooden clapper when he sings:
Eat birds, eat, and make no waste,

I lie here and make no haste;

If my master chance to come—

You must fly and I must run.

And the lonely goose-girl on the green common, silver with pussy-willows and yellow with gorse, what plaint does she carol?

I am a pretty wench,
And I came a great way hence

And sweethearts I can get none;

But every glossy crow

Can get sweethearts now,

But I, pretty wench, can't get one.

It was the same little maiden

perhaps who, as she sat combing her hazel locks against the mossy root of the old ash tree, well sheltered from the wind made up the following verse:

Gray goose and gander

Waft your wings together

And carry my mother's daughter

Over the one strand river.

And in the cities the same

happy unrest is felt. The clouds

that float above the steeples and the chimney pots of our town seem to tempt us to a freer life.

There are rumours in the air

and as we return home from work we know that at every street corner we may meet in the daffodil twilight the one we have searched for all our life long!

Up street and down street

Each window is made of glass

And if you go to the further house

You'll find a pretty lass.

With the passing of Saint Valentine's Day, the softer months of the year are before us. Even the month of March need not affright us blow as he may his donkey's horn.

BEFORE us are all the happy Saturday afternoons of the summer, Sunday PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

**G.O.C. the
Canadians
won't waste
his soldiers**

by

**WILLIAM
BARKLEY**

"I'm a soldier, not a scholar." He said the words with a laugh. He had been speaking of the health of the Canadian troops on their voyage to Britain. Among them all there were two cases of pneumonia, but said the general, "they yielded to sulphonamides treatment."

A word which would twist most tongues came tripping off his tongue when some one said "Spell it" that Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, commanding the Canadian Active Service Force, grinned and said he was not a scholar.

In truth he is both scientist and soldier. In himself he admirably represents that quality of adapted intelligence which he is building into his Canadian division. His belief is that a modern army unit—mechanised, expert and technical—can be built in short time from civilians if the civilians are technical experts already, and particularly if they are Canadians.

"That is where we score as a pioneer country," he told me. "We are accustomed to fighting the rigours of nature. We don't need to create technical experience. We have a wealth of it which merely requires adaptation."

Andrew or "Andy" McNaughton—"I'm of Scottish ancestry"—is in himself part of that Canadian wealth of adaptable experience. He has slipped into khaki as lightly as he slipped it off in 1919. In the last war, as in this, he was one of the first Canadian contingent, landing in France in February 1915 as major of artillery, in which he had done militia service since his undergraduate days of 1909. He ended the war in command of the Canadian Heavy Artillery.

Between wars he has applied his scientific brain to the military art until four years ago his Government put him at the head of the Canadian National Research Council. He is himself the inventor of a cathode-ray direction-finder. Precision instruments of aircraft, meteorological equipment, metallurgical research—which have been the interests of Canada's Commander. But all the time he was applying his laboratory experience to mechanical warfare.

Just on the outbreak of war he came to London with the War Mission of Canadian manufacturers and returned to spread his enthusiasm for the newest guns which he had inspected here. Once again he has left the laboratory and slipped back into khaki, the embodiment of the skilled technician who sizes up his idea of the modern soldier.

At fifty-two he is slim, lean-furnished and alert as a blackbird. His black moustache is greying, but there are bushy black eye-brows over the sombre brown eyes which concentrate the frankest and most comprehending gaze as he speaks to one. His manner is natural, quite unstudied and all the more impressive for that. He is grim and serious.

"This is not a glorious adventure that we are engaged on," he said. "That is not the spirit of my men. We regard it as an unpleasant job that has got to be done and done as quickly as possible, so that we can get back to our civil avocations."

War as he wages it is not going to be any affair of wading men on gallant but hopeless exploits. "Machines and intelligence are the things to win the war with" he says, "not young lives."

His task now is to extract the last ounce of benefit from our own Army's experience and to equip his own magnificent manpower with every device that can render them formidable as a scientific fighting force.

ARF A MO', ADOLF!



OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGEANZACS
ARRIVE
SAFELY

New York, Feb. 13. That the Allied Army is now assembling on historic ground would seem to be in the form of an assurance against any attempt to spread the war, says the *New York Times* commenting on the arrival of the New Zealand force in Egypt. Without firing a shot it can act as a terrible warning to Germany or Russia in case either is tempted to strike in the Near East.

After paying a tribute to the conception, planning and execution of transport of the force from New Zealand, the paper says that the British should be proud of their daughter nations in the Pacific so distant from this war but so well aware of all their means for the continuance of their democratic way of life.

The *New York Herald-Tribune* says the movement is probably a preparatory precautionary measure but the re-appearance of the Anzacs in Egypt at least is a striking demonstration of the fact that if something does happen in the spring the Allies have tremendous resources on which to draw for meeting it. —Reuter.

Press Comments

London, Feb. 13. Commenting on the arrival of the Australian and New Zealand forces in Egypt, the *Daily Mail* first gave three cheers for the forces and said that in 1914-18 Australia sent 412,000 and New Zealand 128,000 men to fight Kaiserism. To-day they are fighting Hitlerism. The "ism" may be different but the enemy is the same—brute force, arrogance and inhuman actions of the Germans. —Reuter Bulletin.

"There is no doubt about the spirit of the troops," says *The Times* in a leading article.

Both the Australian and New Zealand forces are composed exclusively of men who have volunteered individually to take their part in this crusade for freedom and for the right of small nations to maintain their independence against lawless aggression.

Nothing has demonstrated more effectively the unity of the British Commonwealth than the transport across the Atlantic of the Canadian Army now training somewhere in England, followed so closely by the transport across the Indian Ocean of the Australian and New Zealand troops."

Referring to the Dominion Secretary's expression of appreciation of Egypt's hospitable reception, the paper says: "What Egypt has done since the outbreak of war to cooperate with the Allies in making impregnable the position in the Near and Middle East deserves indeed the warmest recognition. All the peoples Arab and non-Arab, of that strategically important area are solidly behind the Allies and are giving them every assistance within their power, but it is the French army in Syria and the British and Egyptian Armies in Egypt who are the core of the defence in the Middle East."

The forces in Egypt have been expanded by enrolment of volunteers from Malta, Cyprus and Palestine. Germany's new subjects, Poles, Czechs and Slovaks, who have been "liberated" by the Führer, are being dragged to work for the Reich. Wherever the British flag flies, whether in the Dominions in Crown Colonies or in Dependencies, free men are volunteering to defend the ideals for which the Empire stands."

The *Manchester Guardian* says, "It is not at once that the full power of the Empire can be marshalled. Germany has but to mobilise and march to the frontier she intends to violate and in a few days France will have given the order that her colonial troops can begin to cross the Mediterranean. But our connections span the hemispheres and reach to the Antipodes. Not only is the distance great and the seas dangerous but we here can give no order and make no plan. We can appeal to equal members of our Commonwealth but decision and speed of the answer rest with them."

The *Daily Telegraph* says, "With the sure instinct of people born and bred in freedom, the King's subjects in the heart of the Empire have rallied to the Antipodes, not less than those here at home, have realised how clear and simple the issue is. There in the heart of the Empire we honour and are grateful for the undrudging allegiance which our brethren from the other side of the world are rendering to the fundamental ideal and tradition of our common heritage. —British Wireless."

British Welcome
For Welles

LONDON, Feb. 13. (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, referring to the forthcoming visit of Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe, said that the British Government for their part would be ready to welcome President Roosevelt's representative and take him fully into their confidence with the object of assisting the President to form an estimate of the present situation.

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER
CRITICISED IN DIETHOW GERMAN
SHIP SANK

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 13 (UPI).—Lieutenant-Commander of H.M.S. Hawkins, announced that another British cruiser picked up the crew of the Wakama, but the "Journal" quotes the crew of the Hawkins as saying that the Hawkins sank the German freighter Wolfgang before she sighted the Wakama. They would, however, give no other details except that the crews of both vessels were on the Hawkins.

The "Journal" states that when the Hawkins overtook the Wakama she attempted to outmanoeuvre the British warship but a warning shot was sent across her bows. This was followed by a tremendous explosion amidstships and the Wakama split in halves and sank.

DIGGERS WELCOMED

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Any force, cabled the First Lord of the Admiralty to-day.

The cable read: "I send you on this historic day the thanks of all ranks to the gallant ships of the Royal Navy protecting us on our voyage to Egypt."

Mr. Winston Churchill replied that the Royal Navy was proud to carry the famous Anzacs once again across the ocean.

"All your old comrades in the Royal Naval Division rejoice to see you at the head of the New Zealand command," he added.

N.Z. RAISES ANOTHER ARMY

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Mishandling Of Asama
Maru Case AllegedMinorities
Suffering
Nazi Cruelty Is
Exposed

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NEUTRALS AROUSED

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of the "Telegraaf" writes: "Our people feel nothing but disgust and indignation at such piracy and the Government knows in advance that it has the whole nation behind it. If it makes clear at the proper time and place and with proper emphasis that Holland does not wish to be threatened with want and hunger through the illegal and unreasonable action of one of the parties in the war."

Mr. Koyama pointed out that Mr. Sato, Japanese Consul-General at San Francisco, informally suggested that Germans should be handed over from the Asama Maru while the search of letters aboard the Hakozaiki Maru was also permitted in accordance with the suggestions by Japanese diplomatic authorities.

Asked whether the representation on the British communication for the seizure of Germans aboard a neutral ship was made only by the Naval Attaché in London, the Japanese Ambassador did not present any protest or whether the Foreign Minister felt any responsibility for these matters. Mr. Arita said that the representation by the Naval Attaché formed a formal protest as it was made with the approval of the Japanese Ambassador.

Mr. Koyama asked Mr. Arita how he had failed to announce any protest or whether the Foreign Minister felt any responsibility for these matters. Mr. Arita said that he felt himself responsible for it. He asked the question to recognise the measures taken by Japanese diplomatic authorities as reasonable by considering what would happen if the forceful request by a British warship was rejected and the Asama Maru had been sunk.

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Mr. Arita said that he felt great sympathy for the Asama Maru captain. An inquiry was being carried out by the Communications Ministry and he would refrain from making any definite comment thereabout.

Endorsing the steps taken by the Asama Maru captain regardless of Foreign Office directions, Mr. Arita charged that those were wrong who would blame the captain. He said that if necessary, protests would be made regarding the conduct of foreign warships against Japanese merchant ships.

Asked about the alleged intervention by a British warship in the searching of a ship suspected of smuggling on the Yangtze last year, the Navy Minister, Admiral Yoshida, promised to make an inquiry.

Mr. Koyama then asked why Japanese authorities in accordance with International Law did not request British warships to leave China ports within 24 hours or disarm them otherwise since China was a neutral country, and also how the Foreign Minister viewed the stationing of British troops in Shanghai where Britain had no right of stationing troops.

Mr. Arita said the matters required careful considerations as they not only concerned Japan and belligerent Powers but also third Powers. —Domet.

Nazis In Hongkong

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Masayuki Tani, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, received a Bill amounting \$252,000,000 (about £63,000,000) for national defence and enforcement of the United States neutrality policy.

The money becomes immediately available for expenditure before the end of June next.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments**RECREIO BEAT C.S.C.C.****Rapid Century By Alec Pearce: Craigengower Trounce Kowloon**

THE ONLY MATCH in the first division of the League on Saturday last was that between the Recreio at home and the Civil Service. The improved form of the latter team suggested the possibility that they might pull off the game, which would have a very great bearing on other Clubs' chances for the Shield. But it was not to be.

I estimate that playing on their own ground is worth fifty to seventy-five runs to the Recreio. They indeed started badly but recovered, and the Civil Service could do nothing with their excellent bowling on their very tricky wicket.

Good bowling by Perry and McLellan, and a run out enabled the Civil Service to get down the first five Recreio wickets for fifty, but then Gerry Gosano and Rodrigues came to the rescue. The bowling tired and Whitley was not on his day.

Again a run out helped as Gerry Gosano was out from an excellent return by Barrow, who was fielding very well at cover. But the bowling was bad—and some of the fielding—and the last three men got 46 be-

tween them, when Rodrigues declared at 140 for 9.

There were no less than twenty byes, but Fortescue could hardly be blamed for most of them as they came mostly off erratic balls, and no two deliveries seemed to come along at the same height. He had a couple of nice stumpings.

A MISERABLE SHOW

THE CIVIL SERVICE proceeded to give a most lamentable display. They were unlucky, it is true, in a couple of lb.w. decisions—the ball that got Perry would have gone over the wicket as he was standing straight up hooking, and it got him in the tummy. Richardson's might have swung off the wicket, but at any rate he ought to have played the ball which was well up to him.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940
17th, 18th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The time interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27194) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of chits will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

No pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amuse will be allowed on the fifth day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

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Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB**TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Entries close on Saturday, 24th February.

Forms are obtainable from all Clubs affiliated to the H.K.L.T.A.

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CALL FOR REVOLUTION

FORGE A NEW ORDER, SAYS H. G. WELLS

"FORGE a New World Order by a World Revolution—or perish amidst the spreading chaos."

That is Mr. H. G. Wells' message to the peoples in his book, "The New World Order," published by Secker and Warburg (6s.).

Five times in this exposition of Wells' Peace Aims he drives home that thrust—unless we all face up to, and conquer, the task of world remodelling, we shall face extinction.

If we win then there will stand for the future a world of free men and unassailable happiness. But the task must be tackled immediately.

Ton-Point Declaration

Already Mr. Wells has presented to the world a draft of his "Declaration of the Rights of Man" (it appeared in the News Chronicle on October 20). Around that 10-point declaration is Wells' conception of his New World Order formed.

He has no "War Aims"; for the Allies, only "Peace Aims," which do not stop at the mere minkling of peace, but jump off from that attainment to inflame the whole globe in the effort to realise his great plan.

His Definition

"This new, and complete Revolution can be defined in a very few words," he writes. "It is:—
(a) Outright world-Socialism, scientifically planned and directed, plus
(b) A sustained insistence upon law, law based on a fuller, more jealousy conceived restatement of the personal Rights of Man, plus
(c) The completest freedom of speech, criticism and publication and a sedulous expansion of the educational organisation to meet the ever-growing demands of the new order. Putting it at its compactest, it is the triangle of Socialism, Law and Knowledge which frames the Revolution which may yet save the world."

No More Versailles

To this end, Wells advocated a great world debate which must go on now, debate of all the people. He thinks that it is incredibly foolish to talk of ending the war and then having a World Conference to inaugurate a new age.

"So soon as the fighting stops the real world conference, the live discussion, will stop too. The diplomats and politicians will assemble with an air of profound competence and close the doors upon the outer world and resume 'Versailles.'

Abolition Of Distance

The present war does not touch upon the essential problem (the abolition of distance), thinks Mr. Wells.

"It may indeed destroy everything and still settle nothing. If one could wipe out all the issues of the present conflict we should still be confronted with the essential riddle, which is the abolition of the boundaries of most existing sovereign States and their merger in some larger Pax. . . . Treaties and mutual guarantees are not enough."

To achieve his ideal state of world collectivisation after the peoples have agreed to tackle the problem, he suggests a confession of universal wrong-thinking and wrong-doing.

A revolution—an effort at social and political readjustment—is bound to come in Germany, Britain, universally, a likely off-shoot of the "expanding dimensions and crescendos of the war."

It is on the tide of the revolution that Mr. Wells expects victory for his New World Order to travel.

I Am Human Being, Says Judge

A 31-year-old woman accused of bigamy, at Cardiff Assizes, was told by Mr. Justice Hawke:

"I suppose I ought not to say that a man and woman, not married, ought to go on living together, but I am a human being and I think it is the best thing for you."

The woman, Doris Smith, had admitted bigamously marrying Thomas Smith, aged 46, a fireman.

Both were sentenced to two days' imprisonment.

FILM STAR ARRIVES



MISS CHEN YUN SONG, Queen of the Chinese film stars, snapped as she arrived in Hongkong. Miss Chen is expected to make two films while she is in the Colony.

Swastika Is Death Symbol



THE NAZI WAY FINNISH AND LATVIAN WAY

Germany is not the only country which has the swastika (or Hakenkreuz) as a national emblem.

It appears as an identification symbol on the planes of three nations—Germany, Finland and Latvia—though with certain distinctions.

The German Hakenkreuz, which was adopted as a national and anti-Semitic symbol by the Nazi Party in its early days, is black within a white

mosaic decorations in the marble floor of a Jewish synagogue in the ancient city of Apamea, Asia Minor, at one time famous Jewish trading centre.

Author Would Not Have It

Formerly the swastika was used as a decorative symbol in the design for the cover of Messrs. Macmillan's editions of Rudyard Kipling's books.

It appeared on the "spine" and front of the editions printed in 1924, but after Hitler's rise to power the design was removed at the request of the author.

'Daughter Is My Best Production'—John Barrymore

JOHN BARRYMORE, starring in a stage play in Chicago called "My Dear Children," has found a rival in the theatre next door—his 18-year-old daughter, Diana, by a previous marriage.

Barrymore calls her "Duke," "Slugs," or "Gus." He has hardly seen her for the past four years, but now she is starring in "Outward Bound" and her name is sparkling next door to her father's in lights.

"She's absolutely the most delightful person I have ever met," says Barrymore. "I worked like hell on 'Hamlet' and 'Richard the Third,' but she is the best thing I have ever produced."

"She told me she wanted to go on the stage. I said, 'Go ahead, child. The family's been on the stage for years.' Now I have opposition right on my own doorstep."

Diana declared that she intended to change her matinees "so that we can see each other act."

"Perhaps after we do we may not be on speaking terms," retorted Barrymore.

Path Of The Sun

In its right-hand or "dexter" form the swastika was supposed to symbolize the path of the sun from east to west, and in its left-hand or "sinister" form as the Germans use it, the path of the sun at night from west to east.

In the first form it symbolized the day, light, glory, the hosts of Heaven and blessing; in the latter night, darkness, death and destruction—a distinction which no doubt Hitler fully appreciates.

In Ancient Synagogue

Some scholars deny that the swastika is a specifically Aryan symbol.

A German encyclopedia published shortly before Hitler came into power stated categorically that the Australian Aborigines were almost the only race among whom the swastika had not been found. Scorn was cast upon its use by anti-Semitic parties.

Some time ago Belgian archaeologists found the sign among the

Details of Famous Exploit

THE British submarine Salmon and Ursula, whose exploits thrilled the country a few days ago, were in the news again recently.

Decorations and promotions for the commander of the Salmon and members of his crew were announced by the Admiralty. Earlier in the day the Ursula received an ovation when she returned to her base.

Lieutenant-Commander Edward Oscar Bleckford, of the Salmon, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order. He has also been promoted to the rank of commander. The third Naval D.S.O. of the war, Commander Bleckford is a 30-year-old bachelor, whose home is at Wanshaw, near Southampton.

The Admiralty announcement states: "Lieut.-Commander Bleckford was in command of his Majesty's submarine Salmon during a brilliant war patrol in which she succeeded in totally destroying an enemy submarine and torpedoing at least one enemy cruiser."

Other awards to officers and men of the Salmon are:

Distinguished Service Cross

Lieut. Maurice Fairfax Wykham-Perry, First Lieutenant and Torpedo Officer.

Lieut. Robin Hugh Mayliss Hancock.

Mr. Owen Felton Lancaster, Warrent Engineer.

Distinguished Service Medal

Petty-Officer William George Taylor, Submarine Coxswain.

Petty-Officer Thomas Henry Worsfold, Torpedo Gunner's Mate.

Engine-room Artificer Norman James Hill.

Petty-Officer Telegraphist Kenneth Barron.

Chief Electrical Artificer William Arthur Lushmore.

Leading Signaller Edward Whitaker.

Leading Stoker Walter Baugh.

Stoker 1st Class George Cawthra.

In addition to Commander Bleckford's promotion the following received immediate advancement:

Petty-Officer Taylor, to Chief Petty-Officer.

Petty-Officer Worsfold, to Chief Petty-Officer.

Engine-room Artificer Hill, to Chief Petty-Officer.

Petty-Officer Telegraphist Barron, two years' seniority.

Chief Electrical Artificer Lushmore, to Chief Electrical Artificer 1st Class.

Spared The Bremen

The Salmon was the submarine which let the Bremen go because she could not have sunk Germany's crack liner without infringing international law.

She had previously destroyed a U-boat soon after reaching her patrol area in the North Sea.

Less than 24 hours after the passing of the Bremen the Salmon sighted a number of German warships, and fired six torpedoes.

The Admiralty announcement refers to "at least one" cruiser. In fact, it is understood that not only was the light cruiser Leipzig torpedoed, but that the heavy cruiser Blauecher was damaged by another torpedo.

The twelve awards apply to the key men" on duty at the time of the exploits.

The 28 men who did not figure in the list of awards may subsequently have their service certificates noted and be listed for quicker promotion as occasion arises.

Mother So Proud

Commander Bleckford, who is at his home for a few days, received first news of his D.S.O. and promotion when a reporter telephoned to his mother.

"That is splendid. It is really marvellous," she exclaimed. "I am so proud."

"He is only 30, and I believe that there is normally no promotion to the rank of commander until the age of 33. I must really go and tell him."

Twenty-seven young but bearded sailors, the crew of the Ursula, which torpedoed and sank a German cruiser of the *Koln* class in the mouth of the River, were reached their base.

The Ursula is commanded by 37-year-old Lieutenant-Commander George Christian Phillips, who is married. His wife and young son are in Australia, where they went on a holiday shortly before the outbreak of war.

New Zealand Register

Wellington, Feb. 13.

The establishment of a national register as part of the general scheme for surveying New Zealand's manpower was announced by Mr. P. Fraser, deputy Prime Minister, in opening a recruiting drive conference.

He said that while a great deal had been done it could not be claimed that the maximum effort had yet been put forward. The need was felt for national co-operation and co-operation.

Mr. Fraser reaffirmed the Government's policy of voluntary enlistment.

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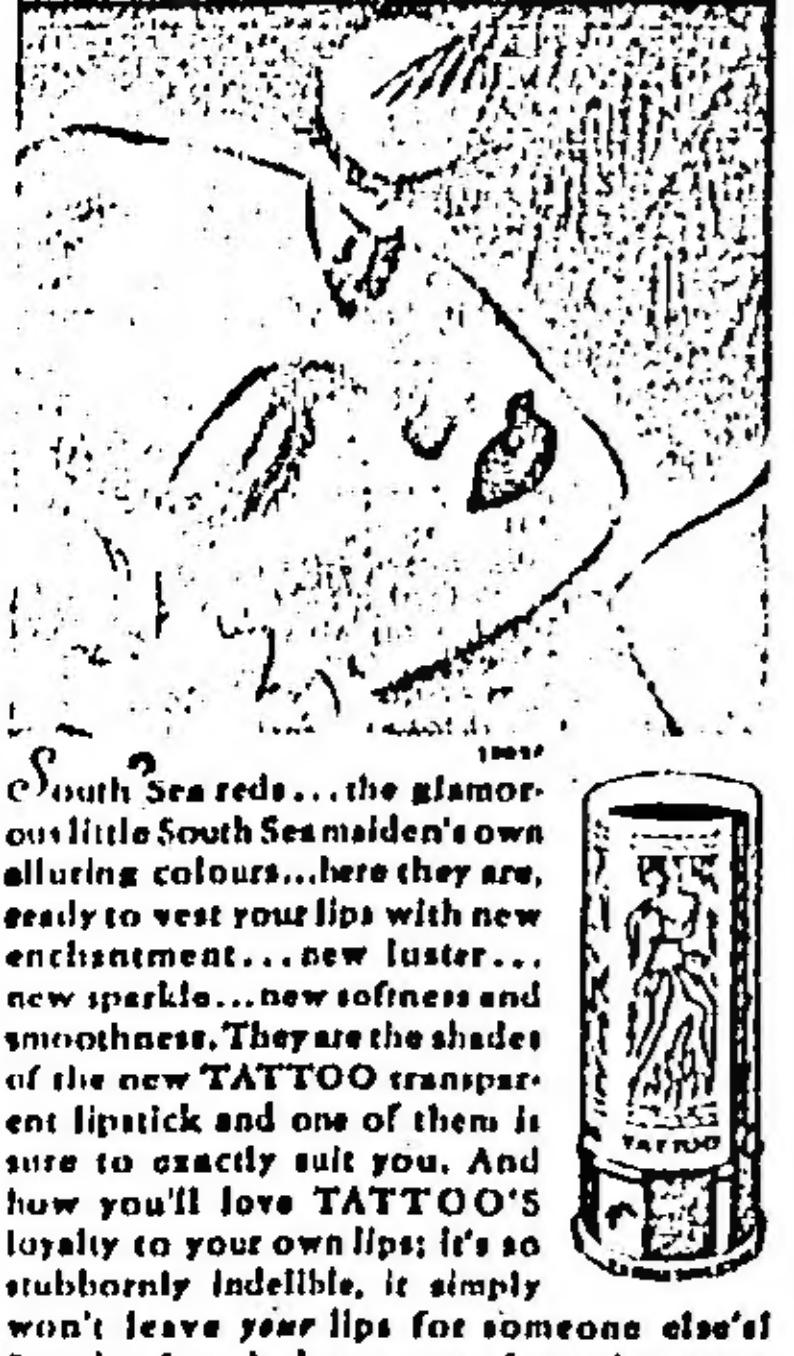
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

"Gone With The Wind"

RECENTLY the cinema event for which America has waited for three years took place in Atlanta, Ga.—the premiere of the Technicolour film "Gone With The Wind."

Governor Eurith D. Rivers proclaimed a Statewide holiday and 300,000 film fans lined up for seven miles to watch the procession of motor-cars which brought Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, his wife Carole Lombard, Producer David O. Selznick, Laurence Olivier and others from the air port.

The night before the premiere of the film a costume ball was held.

At the premiere, hundreds of delighted Georgians clapped, cheered, whistled and wept at the historical sequences.

New York Debut

The film was also shown at New York's Astor and Capitol Theatres and was hailed unanimously by all as an excellent film. Olivia de Havilland, James Stewart, Will Hays, David Selznick, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the Vanderbilt clan, Doris Duke, Cromwell and nearly every millionaire and his wife in New York were present at the screening.

It took three years to make this film from a novel which Margaret Mitchell took seven years to write.

Producer Selznick's first trouble was to reduce the 1,037-page novel to a workable Hollywood script.

Sidney Howard, one of the ablest script writers, arrived in Hollywood in the spring of 1937.

Throughout that summer, together with Selznick and George Cukor, he worked on the first "script." When finished it was found to be too long so they made another script. In 1938, many famous writers were all working on the script.

Search for Star

Production finally started but results came slowly. For two years Selznick had nobody to play the part of Scarlett O'Hara so polls were taken and results despatched throughout America. During the filming of one of the first scenes—that of the burning of Atlanta—Myron Selznick took Vivien Leigh with him on the set and invited his brother "to meet Scarlett O'Hara."

When the news came out that she had been given the part, a few protests were heard. On the whole, however, the Southerners were pleased to hear that an English girl and not a Yankee had been chosen for the part.

American cinema fans unanimously voted that Clark Gable must play Rhett Butler.

Selznick also agreed with them that he should cast Olivia de Havilland as Melanie Hamilton, Leslie Howard as Ahsley Wilkes and Laura Hope Crews as Aunt Pittypat.

Then Selznick cast Thomas Mitchell as Gerald O'Hara and Hattie McDaniel as Mammy.

Four Hour Show

In January 1939, the filming of "Gone With The Wind" commenced in earnest and six months later the final scenes were taken. The cutting of the film then began. Over 225,000 feet of film had to be cut and spliced into a moving picture short enough to exhibit. After working day and night, Selznick and his staff finally produced the finished film which runs for just under four hours.

The picture has to make about \$5,000,000 before it begins to earn any profits at all. Dow Jones

receipts of this film might bring shareholders in Loew's Incorporated upwards of \$1 per share.



VIVIEN Leigh, who appears as Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind," shown as she arrived for the Atlanta premiere of the film. She was introduced to audiences over a nation-wide hook-up by Mayor Haralson of Atlanta.

AT THE CINEMAS

Queen's and Aliambra: "Wizard of Oz" (Judy Garland, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr)

Oriental: "Adventures of Robin Hood" (Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland)

Maltese: "Society Lawyer" (Walter Pidgeon, Virginia Bruce)

King's: "Young Mr. Lincoln" (Henry Fonda)

Film Of Prehistoric Tribes

WORD comes from Hollywood that David W. Griffith and Hal Roach are producing a picture in which they are looking backward, past the birth of the cinema at which they officiated, to 1,000,000 years B.C.

Both are reported to have admitted that "it is a screwy idea" but, nevertheless, it sounds a good one.

Dawn Age

They are collaborating on a screen

version of the dawn age, titled "1,000,000 B.C."

This effort of theirs is, in effect, a silent picture. It opens in the present era, on a conversation between a scientist and some young people and fades back a million years, with the scientist's voice continuing as a commentary.

Each sequence thereafter begins with a cloud "shot," according to Mr. Griffith's plan, and then the camera comes down to the action.

The story deals with two prehistoric tribes—the Rock people, a rugged race and the Shell tribe, a gentler and more kindly group.

The civilizing of the former by the latter

by means of the charm of Carole Lombard, the leading lady, who softens

the savage heart of Victor Mature, the leading man, forms the theme of the picture.

No English is spoken by the prehistoric characters, which will mean, as Roach points out, that the foreign market can be completely exploited by United Artists, the distributing company, simply by changing the commentary. The incomprehensible language which the ancients use presented something of a problem.

Dialogue Trouble

Miss Florence McEnany of the studio research department was assigned to prepare prehistoric dialogue.

She obtained glossaries of four extinct American Indian tongues—the Ofo, the Bifox, the Natic and the Bontock-Igorot.

From these she compiled two languages, one for each tribe.

But (and a shocking commen-

tary it is on the propensities of the

civilized era) when spoken, these un-

sullied primitive polyglots suggested

such double entendres that they had

to be scrapped. The dialogue is now

more McEnany than anything else.

At its inception, "1,000,000 B.C."

was meant to adhere to recognized

scientific theory, but when Roach and

Griffith realized that their players

would have to appear *au naturel*,

with only a matting of body hair to

screen them from the Hays office,

they decided to endow their charac-

ters with a knowledge of the art of

hides-tanning. Having gone so far,

they remembered that "after all, the

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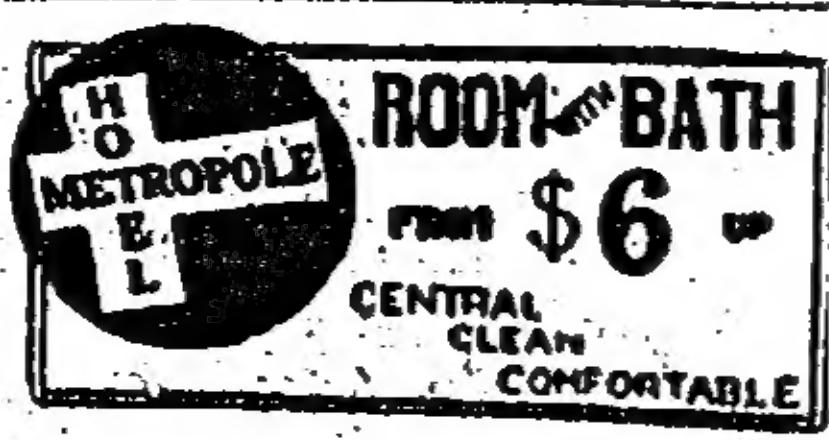
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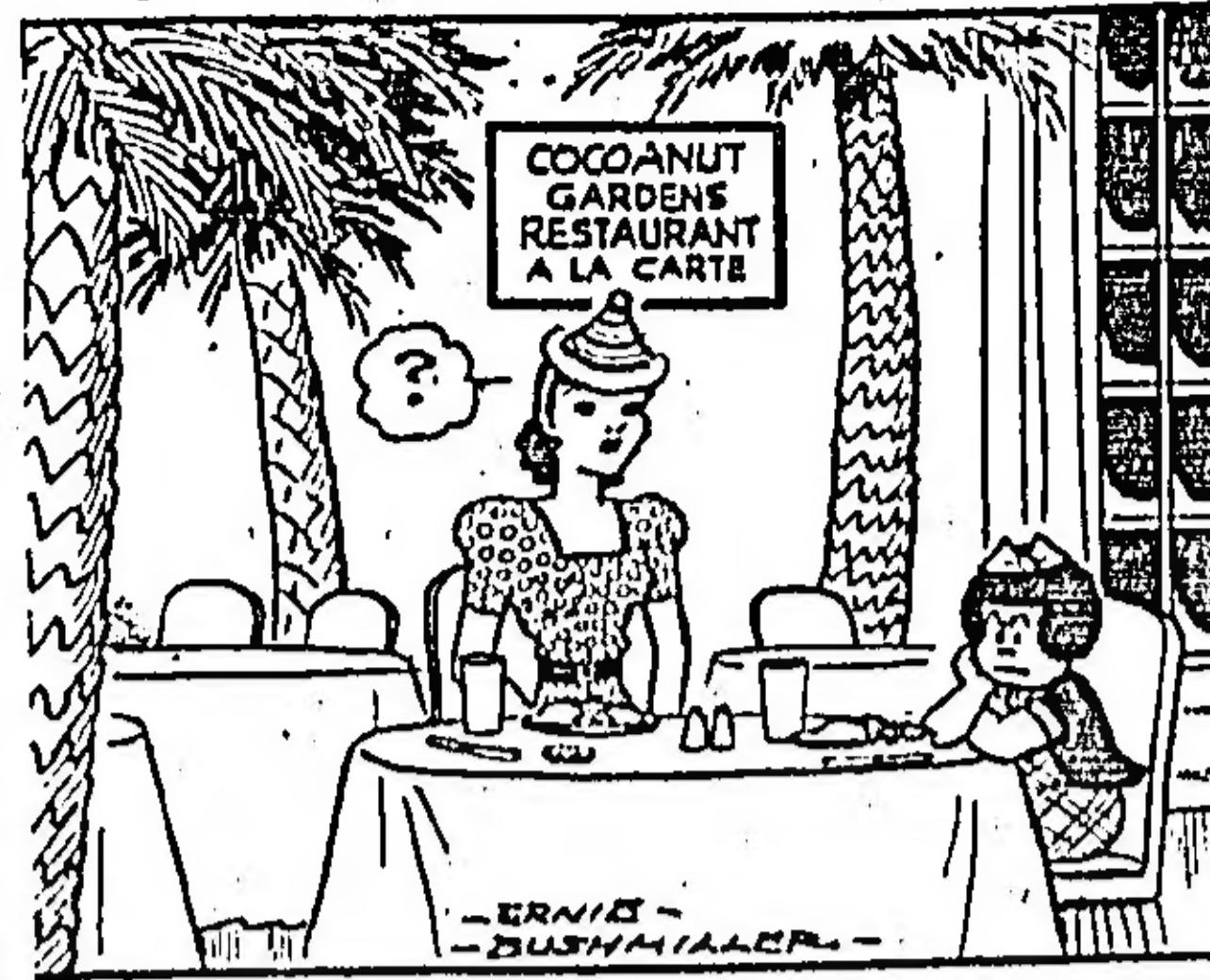
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coming closer and closer as the speed of the plane increased.
The pilot looked below. There was a sparkle in his eye, a look of anticipation that boded ill for the Nazis!

"Hello, bit of excitement down there," and he jerked his head downwards. The R.A.F. Armand flushed onwards.

"Yes," replied the navigating officer, "Ship's crew's bathing!" The pilot's lips creased in a smile. "They can't have expected us!"

Suddenly, in a voice vibrant with excitement, the pilot yelled: "There she is!"

FAR below lay the Kiel Canal, the object of their trip. It lay, a tempting target with ships resting, unsuspecting the hell that was about to be let loose.

As the plane zoomed onward, the navigator sat busily plotting the course while the wireless operator, ears alert, kept vigil.

"Try and get Mr. Middleton," chaffed the gunner, and "Sparks" grinned. He was seeking—less friendly sounds than that!

"Nothing from our side, of course, sir. Wireless silence was ordered. There's a spot of activity from German station AZ2, but it's all in code."

"H'm . . . we'll be there in an hour at our present speed," remarked the pilot; "Gunner, back in the tail in half an hour! Meanwhile, you can let up!"

Below the sea lay calm and still; nothing broke the monotony of its surface. Steadily the plane followed its course. Suddenly a ship was seen below.

"Destroyer ahead, sir," reported the bomb-aimer.

"Ours or theirs?" snapped back the pilot.

THROUGH the window the pilot and the observer gazed down at the destroyer. Sailors were crowding round the signal light.

"They're sending a message," said the pilot. "Get it."

Swiftly the bomb-aimer's pencil moved across his pad. As he wrote, he smiled.

"There you are, sir," he said, and showed the pilot the pad. On it were the words "Good luck!"

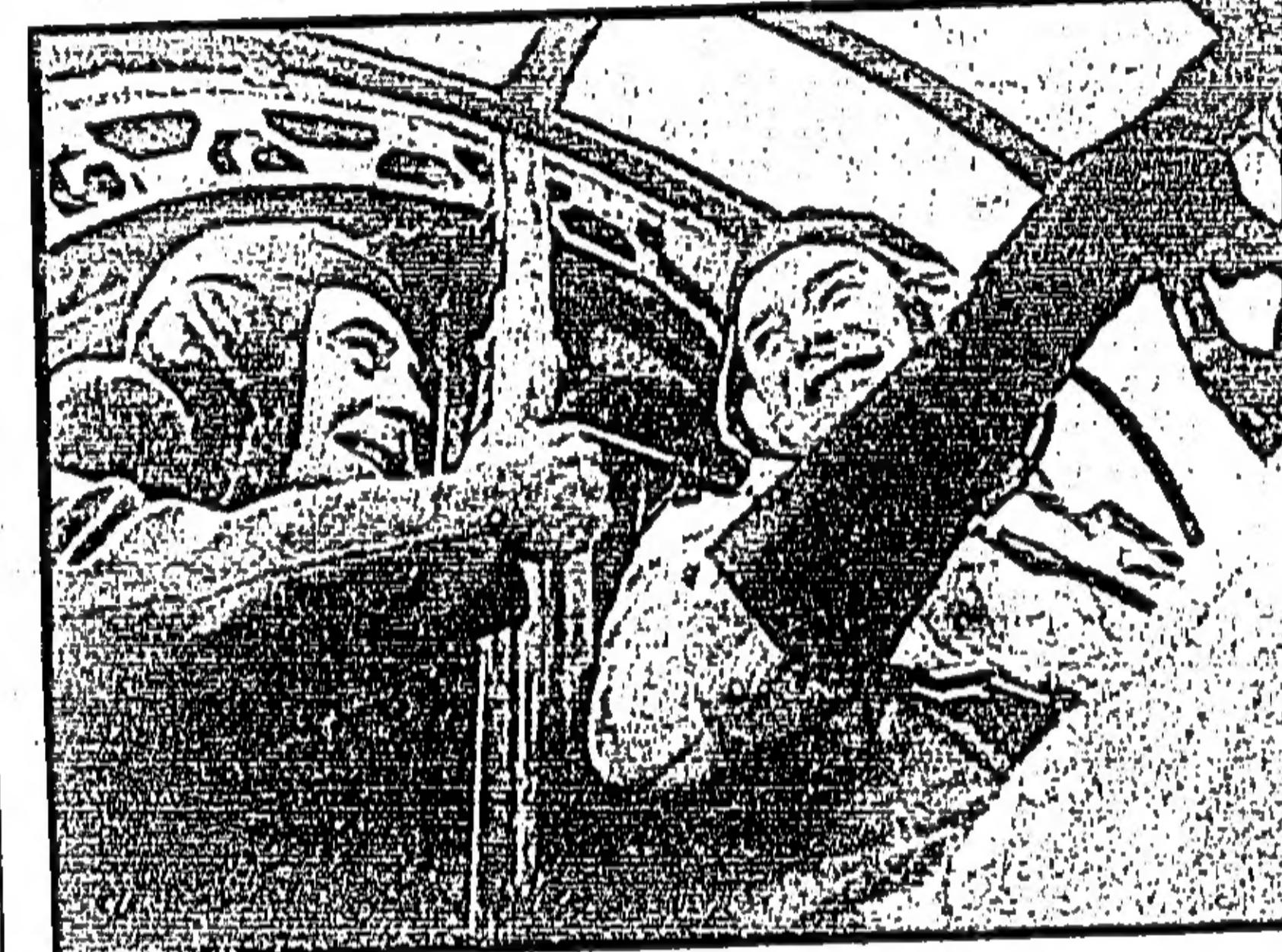
It was getting near zero hour. Intently the pilot handled his controls, with the navigator close at his elbow.

Action was near and there was an air of tense expectancy in the plane. The bomb-aimer moved into position and the wireless operator went forward. There was no need for wireless now . . . his job was at a gun-turret.

"Alter course to 110 degrees," called the navigator.

"Okay!" called back the pilot. "I'm going down to a hundred feet for the run into the coast!"

Down the plane swooped, like some giant hawk sighting its prey. Below lay the coastline,



the skies the planes returned in quiet triumph.

DOWN on to the landing field the planes came, one by one to bump with slowing propellers over the rough turf and finally to come to rest.

One by one hatches in their stomachs opened and legs appeared, then ungainly figures in zip-fastener suits with all the bulk and paraphernalia of parachutes and wireless cords.

A moment of inert relaxation and then the exhausted stripping off of uniformness.

A stroke of the hair. A silent whistle of relief. A smile. A cigarette. A rather shamefaced handshake.

A tired flip of the finger to a friend. A sudden violent embarrassment at the discovery of cameramen, photographers, all set for hero-worship, and a quick bolt for the privacy of the mess.

That is how the real heroes of the Kiel Raid came home.

AS though he had all the time in the world to spare, a shabby individual strolled along a dockside and paused at a sailor's elbow.

"Har ni en tanstigk" he muttered.

"What's that?" growled the sailor.

"A match," urged the shabby stranger. He leaned close to the sailor, and, cupping his hand to guard the flickering flame, he muttered: "Activity at Pirate Squadron AZ2."

The sailor nodded briefly, and the stranger shuffled into the night.

Throwing his cigarette stub away, the sailor boarded his ship and made his way to the wireless operator's cabin. "Activity at Pirate Squadron AZ2. Code Group X74479." The operator nodded, scribbled on his pad and got to work.

Britain's under-cover men had made the first move in thwarting a threatened Nazi raid.

Meanwhile, unconsciously that their planes were already suspected, a score of Nazi pilots stood, erect and grim, as their commanding officer harangued them in swift, harsh tones.

That night was to see an attack on the accursed shores of Britain, yet no enthusiasm for the advent-

Suddenly the air became electric. The Air Officer Commander-in-Chief urgently summoned the Southern Group. "Raids 1 and 2 are entering your area. Carry on and deal with them."

"Yes, sir," replied the Group Controller. He turned to another phone. "Braxted?"

Wing Commander Ralph Richardson replied. He listened intently. "O.K." Then gave his orders. "A Flight 299." It was zero hour.

WITH the enthusiasm of small boys let out of school earlier than they expected, the pilots waiting near their Spitfires leapt into action.

Propellers started to turn. Bobby fastened his parachute to his back, adjusted his goggles, and half-smiled at the other pilots who were to share the danger ahead.

Then he hopped nimbly into the cockpit of his plane, waved cheerily to the boys of the ground staff, and scuttled off into the darkness.

"Flight A air-borne," reported the telephone operator to Richardson. "O.K." replied Ralph. "Put B, Flight at readiness."

High in the heavens the Spitfires were flashing towards a death duel. "Cornflower Red calling station control," snapped Bobby into his radio.

"Cornflower Red 80 degrees—2,000 feet a minute—speed 180 . . . replied Richardson.

Again Bobby spoke into his microphone, this time to the pilot in the plane next to him. "O.K. Ted?"

"Right with you, Bob!" replied Ted, chewing more fiercely at his gum.

"O.K. Dopey?" called Bob.

The pilot in the third Spitfire sat gazing into space, his face devoid of all emotion. Those that didn't know Dopey for a sky daredevil with a nerve of iron might have thought that he was falling asleep at his controls. "Hey, Dopey are you O.K.?"

Dopey jerked to sudden realization. "What? Good Lord, yes . . . O.K. . . . all serene!"

Bobby grinned. He knew his Dopey.

"O.K. Gang—let's go!" yelled Bobby with a whoop of pure excitement.

Nearer came the Nazi bombers. Down below in Fighter Command every movement of the enemy was being noted on the giant action map. At the Fighter Station Richardson steadily stuck at his radio navigating the air-knights above.

"Five bandits six miles southwest," he rapped out to Bobby way up in the skies. The Spitfires circled, never losing speed. "Should be any minute now," muttered Richardson.

Suddenly Bobby's jaw tightened. "Sudden attack . . . Go!"

Here is a miracle of organisation. Telephonists receive messages and reports from every post in the country.

On a huge table is a map of the eastern half of Britain, the North Sea and the German coast, and the map is divided into three sections, Southern Group, Midland Group, and Northern Group. It is the nerve centre of Britain's defence system and that night it was a hive of activity.

"To-night's the night!" . . . the brief message was passed from lip to lip and mouths tightened grimly and eyes sparkled with eager anticipation.

Huddled in a bush by the side of a wood sat three civilian observers.

"To think that for years, I've wanted a dark room for developing, and now that every room in the house is dark, I'm stuck out here in the bushes listening to the birds!" grumbled one with a good-humoured snort.

"Listening for them!" retorted his colleague. Suddenly the phone buzzed. "Hello, yes, sir!"

A pause, then to his friends, "They expect 'em to-night!"

"Northern Group, Midland Group, Southern Group . . . all were ready to give the invaders a warm welcome. And, hidden in the darkness, sat British pilot, waiting for the word to take off.

Through the night zoomed the Nazi planes, and in the interior of the Fighter Command alert eyes and ears were awaiting their coming.

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Already the Nazis are using a grade of spirit inferior to that of the Allies for their planes. Now they are extending the use of "ersatz" products to the submarine.

One of the new type of such U-boat is said to have undergone sea trials.

Instead of fuel tanks, she has cylinders containing oxygen and hydrogen. The engine runs on exactly the same principle as that used in cars adapted to run on coal gas.

Submarines usually run on Diesel engines on the surface and electric motors under water.

When hydrogen and oxygen are properly mixed there is no exhaust gas, so the new fuel will allow the submarines to use their engines for travel both below and above surface.

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PANAMA CANAL—German freighter Dusseldorf, with a British prize crew aboard, is passed through, amid international dispute.

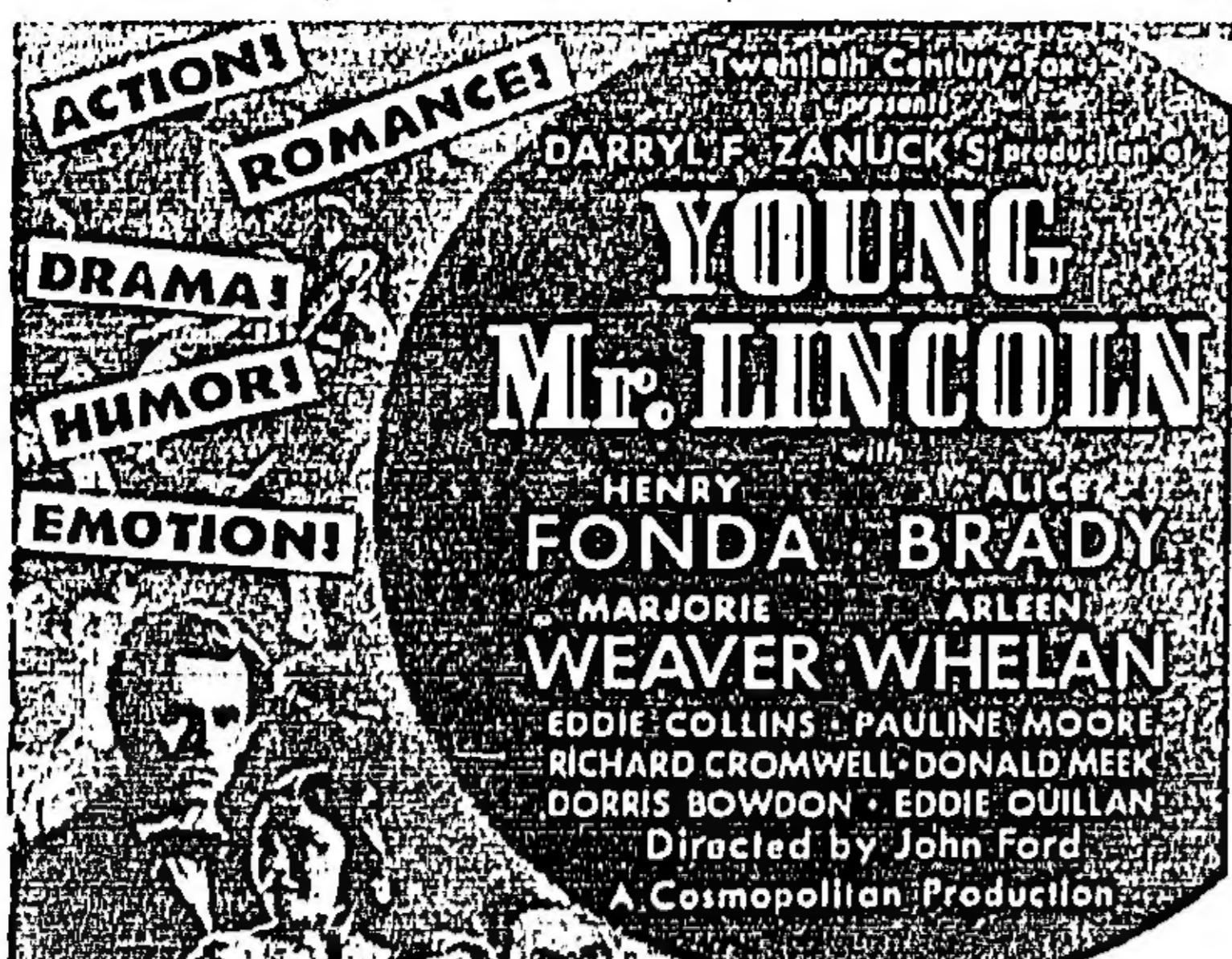
BUENOS AIRES—Captain Hans Langsdorff laid to rest—Commander of the Graf Spee, who took own life, is buried in Argentina.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt delivers his message at opening of Congress.

AUSTRALIA—Tennis big four "down under"; meet in Sydney for the State title.

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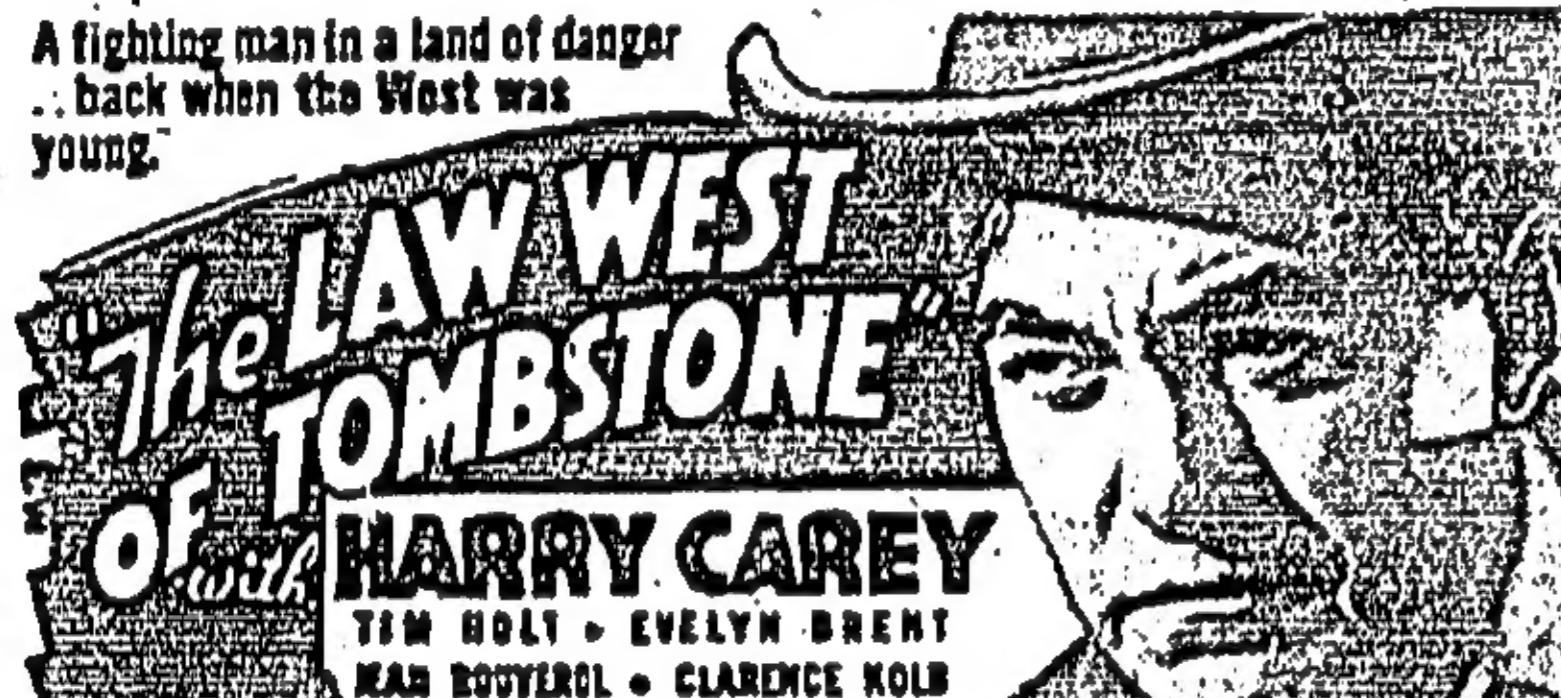
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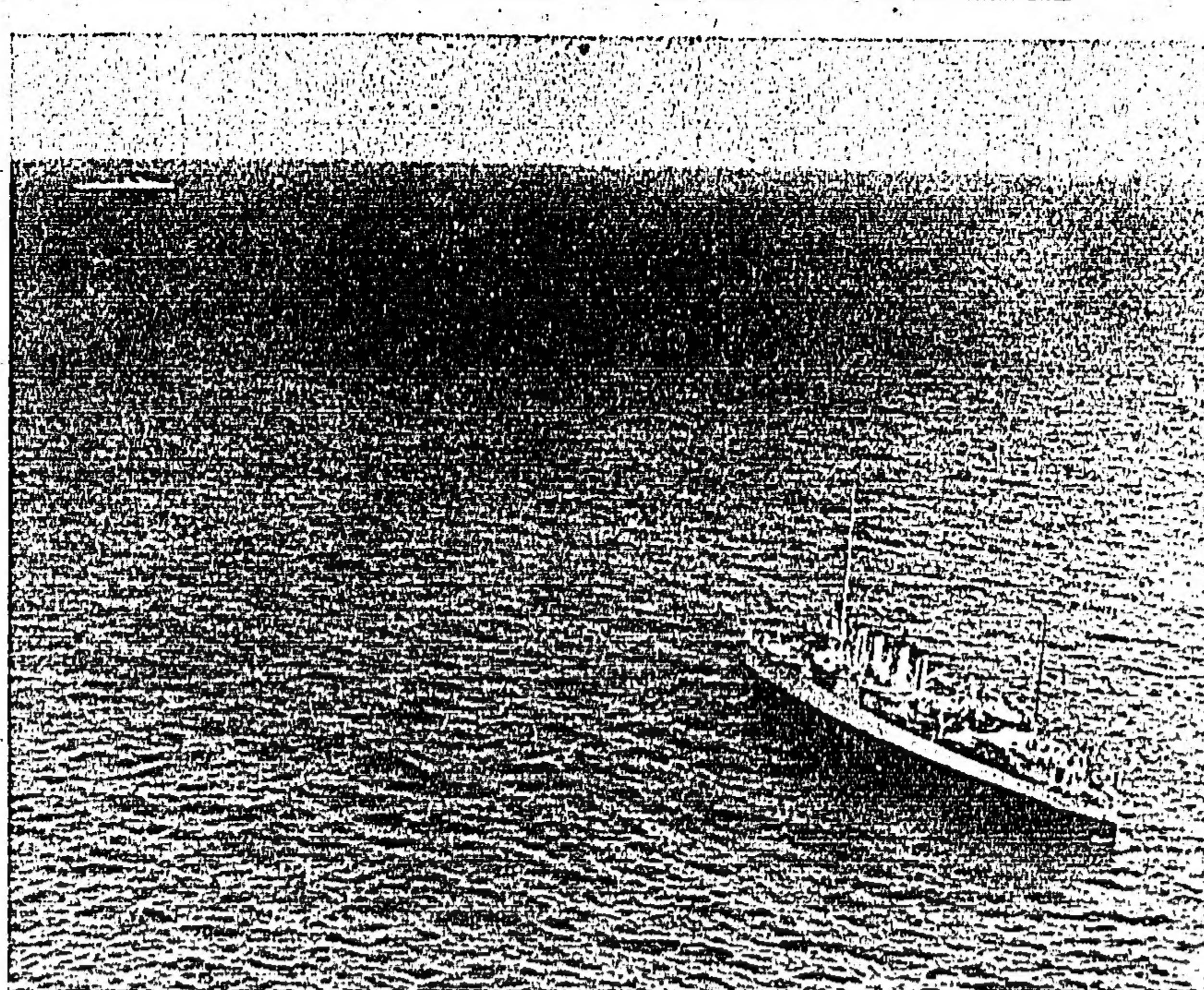


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Son Returns After 15 Years

LONDON.—Mrs. W. Gifford, of Mount Pleasant, Romsey, Hampshire, opened her door to a Canadian soldier.

"Well, don't you know me?" he said.

It took Mrs. Gifford a few seconds to recognize her son. They had not met for 15 years.

The soldier, Sapper William Gifford, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, has an 18-year-old son in the Canadian Air Force.

Stalin Releases Polish Royalty: Italy's Request

WARSAW.—Through intervention of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena of Italy, Prince Janusz Radziwill and 21 other members of the Radziwill family have been released by Soviet Russia, and allowed to return to the Polish capital.

A hospital and refugee home. Among others, former President Moscicki of Poland sought refuge there.

Prince Radziwill and his family were arrested by the Russians when they seized Eastern Poland and, for a time, rumours circulated that he had been shot.

Most of the women and children were taken to Shepetovka. Among them were a daughter of Prince Radziwill, Christine Potocki, with her children. Her husband, Count Joseph Potocki, was on the Polish Embassy Staff in London for three years.

Prince Radziwill himself was taken to Moscow and other male members of the family were held in other parts of the Soviet Union.

Women members of the family had to live eight in a room, but, on their return to Warsaw, they spoke without bitterness of their experiences.

The venerable Princess, Marie Louise, born Countess Brusnicka, great granddaughter of Czarina Catherine the Great of Russia, observed, "It is better to read about history than to experience it."

U.S. BLOOD FOR WEST FRONT

TORONTO (UP).—The physiological hygiene department of the University of Toronto announced they planned making blood serum, for shipment to a British base hospital in France, to be kept for emergency use.

Between 500 and 600 of the university's students will be called on to donate blood to the department, for the manufacture of the serum.

"Only students of the first four years of the medical course have been asked to donate blood so far," said one member of the department.

The only "blood bank" in Toronto at the present time is at Toronto Western Hospital.

The serum is valuable for transfusions, and treatment of shock without hemorrhage.

LATE NEWS

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 13 (UP).—It is reported that His Majesty King George VI is prepared to issue shortly a proclamation licensing the enlistment of British volunteers for Finland.

BLACKOUT FOR ARCHANGEL

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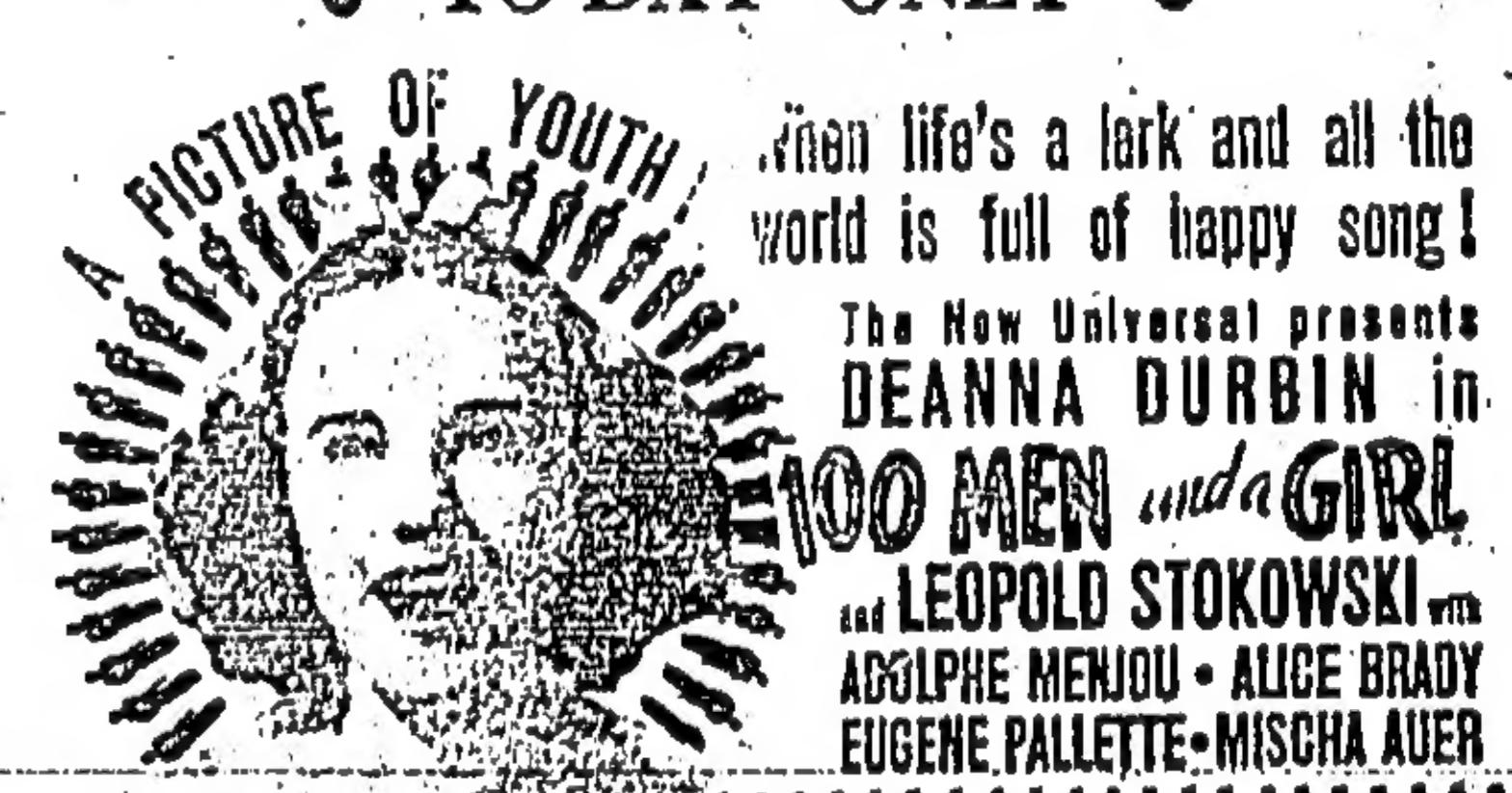
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Attempt To Run The Blockade

LONDON, FEB. 13 (REUTER).—ACCORDING TO THE "EVENING NEWS", A CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN LONDON TO THE EFFECT THAT SIX GERMAN SHIPS LEFT THE SPANISH PORT OF VIGO UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN AN ATTEMPT TO RUN THE BRITISH BLOCKADE.

Three others left Brazilian ports in addition to the Wakama, making a total of ten.

The newspaper says that the German vessels, which had been sheltering in neutral ports since the beginning of the war, received orders to attempt to return home or to scuttle themselves if necessary.

The ships which left Vigo are the Wangoni, 7,848 tons; Wahehe, 4,709 tons; Orizaba, 4,354 tons; Arucas, 3,369 tons; Rostock, 2,542 tons; and the Morea, 1,927 tons.

The three German ships which left Brazilian ports recently are the Wolfsburg, 6,201 tons; La Coruna, 7,494 tons and the Koenigsberg, 6,466 tons.

WAKAMA SCUTTLED

The Admiralty has announced that the German ship Wakama was located by aircraft from His Majesty's ships in the South Atlantic yesterday.

On being ordered to stop by aircraft the German crew set fire to the ship and scuttled her.

A British warship later picked up ten officers and 36 men.

NEUTRALS AROUSED

Deliberate German Sinking Of Ships

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Neutral comment is becoming increasingly bitter about the Nazi campaign against shipping.

Bitter comments in Scandinavian and Swedish newspapers emphasise Mr. Chamberlain's statement that not one neutral ship has been sunk by the Allies.

The Netherlands press is also bitter, and Dutch indignation has been increased by the torpedoing of the liner *Burgerveldijk*.

Yesterday Holland learned from Berlin that the torpedoing of the ship was "a legal act."

Bound For Holland

Actually, however, Amsterdam messages say that the ship was bound from New York to Holland with a cargo nine-tenths of which was for the Netherlands Government and the remainder for Dutch importers.

There was nothing to show that she was proceeding to any belligerent port.

Norway, which has lost more shipping, thanks to the Nazis, than any other neutral country, has lost another vessel.

The *Sneftad* was sunk by a mine or torpedo on Sunday, while on her way from Norway to New York in ballast. All her crew were saved.

Contraband Claim

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Neutral inquirers were told in Berlin to-day that the *Burgerveldijk* was presumably sunk because she had contraband on board.

So far apparently no report has been received from the captain of the submarine which sank the ship, but Nazi circles declare that contraband would be the only reason that could make him torpedo a neutral vessel.

The Parliamentary correspondent
PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

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KING RECEIVES
NEW MINISTER

LONDON, Feb. 13 (British Wireless).—H.M. the King received Mr. G. M. Vericker on his appointment as British Minister to Finland.

LATVIA IS JITTERY

Russia Not Finished With Demands?

RIGA, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—"We have no right to cherish the illusion that everything will turn out for the best," declared Karlis Ulmanis, President and Prime Minister of Latvia, when broadcasting a warning that 1940 would be a difficult year.

Meanwhile contradictory reports circulated here regarding the fate of the 43 members of the crew.

Some newspapers stated that they were saved by the Hawkins while others said they were drowned.

The Wakama was bound for Recife (Pernambuco) carrying a full cargo of 6,000 tons of grain, coffee, lard, leather, minerals and cotton.

She was the last German ship at Rio de Janeiro, to which port she had arrived a week before the outbreak of war.

Valuable Cargo

There is no explanation why the S.O.S. from the Wakama before she was scuttled was received in Rio de Janeiro yesterday afternoon and was relayed by the Spanish freighter *Ariane Mendi*, 5,535 tons.

The Spanish vessel said she was 48 miles from the position and was sending prompt assistance. She later wire-told that she had arrived and found no trace of the Wakama.

The scuttled Wakama's cargo, it is reported, may be valued at £250,000.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Feb. 13 (UP).—It is announced here that a decree has been enacted providing for the complete blackout of Archangel and its environs beginning at 4 p.m. daily.

Violations of this order will be punished by a fine of 100 roubles or imprisonment for terms of a month upwards.

Speeding Up
Productions

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Proposals for an intensified effort in the engineering industry to speed up the production of armaments was handed to-night to representatives of the 34 Unions in confederation with the Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions by Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister for Labour.

A conference between Mr. Ernest Brown and representatives of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

On his arrival here in 1907, he joined the firm of Ewens and Harston.

U.S. LOAN TO CHUNGKING

U.S. Senate Approves Appropriation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (UP).—By a vote of 49 to 27 the United States Senate has approved the Bill increasing the capital of the Export & Import Bank by \$100,000,000 to enable the United States to make additional loans to China and Finland.

The Bill now goes to the House of Representatives, where an early approval is expected.

OBITUARY

HONGKONG SOLICITOR

Mr. Paul Hodgson Dies In Hospital

The death occurred at the War Memorial Nursing Home this morning of Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson, Principal of the firm of Tso's and Hodgson, solicitors.

Mr. Hodgson, who was nearly 60 years of age, was an old resident of Hongkong, having arrived here in 1907.

He was of a kindly disposition with a sound knowledge of law both in theory and in practice. He was a man of good judgment in business matters and was also keenly interested in sports of every kind.

His wife is at present on her way out to the Colony. Their daughter, who for several years resided in Hongkong, is at present in England.

Acting Crown Solicitor

Before coming to Hongkong, Mr. Hodgson was a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

On his arrival here in 1907, he joined the firm of Ewens and Harston.

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HOPES

RUSSIANS THROUGH?

Finns Retire From Advance Posts Under Heavy Pressure

By RALPH FORTE

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

HELSINKI, FEB. 14 (UP).—THE RUSSIANS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH.

THE FINNS HAVE EVACUATED CERTAIN ADVANCED POSITIONS IN THE SUMMA SECTOR. THE POSITIONS ARE DESCRIBED AS MACHINE-GUN OUTPOSTS IN NO MAN'S LAND.

Evacuation was forced under pressure of continuous Russian attacks.

The Finns immediately counter-attacked with great ferocity and claim to have regained several of the posts after the Russian charges broke against the actual Mannerheim Line fortifications.

Most Desperate Battle of War

By EDWARD BEATTIE

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FINNISH ARMIES ON THE KARELIAN Isthmus, Feb. 13 (UP).—The struggle over the blood-stained snow in front of Summa wore into its twelfth day of constant fighting with Russian men and machines still clinging desperately against the Finnish positions as they were mowed down by the fire of the defenders.

The Russians almost fatalistically obey the orders of their officers—orders which mean certain death for thousands of them.

Casualties are increasing, not only among the Russians but also among the defenders, who fight to the last man to defend even the most insignificant outpost.

Up to this morning, when the most desperate onslaught of the war reached a new climax, the Russians losses had run, according to Finnish official sources, into "very many thousands."

The Russians are apparently relying on their steam-roller tactics—constant pressure by an overwhelming number of men, tanks, guns and airplanes, to overwhelm the little Finnish defending fortifications through sheer exhaustion of man power and machinery.

50,000 Mortar Shells

Typical of the herculean Russian effort is the trench mortar fire from the Red lines.

It is computed that 12-inch mortars have hurled more than 50,000 shells at the Finnish lines since the offensive started, in support of wave after wave of mass bayonet charges.

Finnish machine-guns and hand grenades simply mow down the Russians as they run across No Man's Land.

But as each bayonet charge fades away there is only a few minutes' pause before another charge is sent to the front to continue another charge to death against the Finns.

That the defenders have withstood twelve continuous days of this type of hammering is bewildering even the most sceptical of military experts. It simply can't be done, they say.

The wreckage of between fifty and sixty Russian tanks, which cover each Red bayonet charge, lies in No Man's Road.

But for each tank destroyed, the Russians have another in reserve.

Determined To Win

They appear determined to break through at Summa, no matter what the cost.

The Finns often wonder what the Russian civilians in Leningrad are thinking about the hold-up of their PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

FINN LINE HAMMERED

Reds Army Receives Reinforcements

HELSINKI, FEB. 13 (UP).—Yesterday was the 12th day of the Soviet attack on the Mannerheim Line.

The increased intensity of the attack shows that the Soviets have received reinforcements and are relying on the pressure of tanks, guns and infantry to overwhelm the Finns through exhaustion.

The Soviets claim to have captured 32 defence forts in the Karelian Isthmus. This is denied by the Finns.

In the far north heavy snow has held up operations but Soviet planes have bombed Finnish positions.

To-day's Finnish communiqué states:

"Russian attacks continued during February 12 with undiminished force in the Summa sector."

"At Muolajärvi, Punnus, and Taipale, the attacks were driven back and Finnish troops undertook numerous successful counter-attacks."

"North of Lake Ladoga, all Russian attacks were driven back and at Pikkuranta the greater part of an PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

LATEST

RED CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Feb. 14 (UP).—The Soviet Military Headquarters at Leningrad have issued the following communiqué: "As the result of successive actions Soviet troops have captured 23 of the enemy's defensive fortifications on the Karelian Isthmus."

"In some sectors intense aviation, infantry and artillery action continued."

"The Soviet action on the Isthmus is developing successfully. Large Finnish forces attempted counter-attack but were repulsed with heavy losses."

KING TO SIGN PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 13 (UP).—It is reported that His Majesty King George VI is prepared to issue shortly a proclamation licensing the enlistment of British volunteers for Finland.

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Further Late News

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 7th Feb. Feb. 14. Canton, 15. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 4th January) ... Feb. 14. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 7th February ... Feb. 15. Canton, 15. Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 8th Dec., 1939) ... Feb. 15. Manila ... Feb. 15. Straits ... Feb. 15. Shanghai ... Feb. 15. U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date 20th January) ... Feb. 15. Australia and Manila ... Feb. 16. Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 9th February ... Feb. 16. Haiphong ... Feb. 17. Japan ... Feb. 17. Saigon ... Feb. 17. Shanghai and Amoy ... Feb. 17. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20th January) ... Feb. 17. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th February ... Feb. 18. Canton, 18. Celebes, Straits and Saigon ... Feb. 18. Shanghai ... Feb. 18.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Feb. 14. Shanghai (Parcels only) ... 3.30 p.m. Ford, Bayard and Holloway ... 3.30 p.m. Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Province only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 22nd Feb. K.P.O. Reg. ... Feb. 14, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 14, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. ... Feb. 14, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th March. G.O. and K.P.O. Reg. ... Feb. 14, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 15, 8.30 a.m. Straits, Canton, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th March and London, Parcels—due London, 20th March. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels ... Feb. 14, 5 p.m. Reg. ... Feb. 15, 9.45 a.m. Ord. ... Feb. 15, 10.30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. Canton ... 7.15 a.m. Shanghai ... 10.30 a.m. Sandakan ... 12.30 p.m. Tientsin (Parcels only) ... 12.30 p.m. Fort Bayard ... 2.30 p.m. Haiphong ... 3 p.m. Amoy and Shanghai ... 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16. Amoy ... 8.30 a.m. Touraine ... 8.30 a.m. Japan ... 3.30 p.m. Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 28th February. K.P.O. Parcels, ... Feb. 16, 4 p.m. Reg. ... Feb. 16, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Parcels, ... Feb. 16, 4 p.m. Reg. ... Feb. 16, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 16, 7 p.m. Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 23rd February K.P.O. Reg. ... Feb. 16, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. ... Feb. 16, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 17, 7.30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Shanghai and Japan ... 10.30 a.m. Shanghai ... 2.30 p.m. Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 25th Feb. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. ... Feb. 17, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 17, 5.30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17. Canton ... 7.15 a.m. Dairen ... 8.30 a.m. Haiphong ... 1 p.m. Canton ... 7 p.m. Straits and Calcutta ... Parcels ... Feb. 19, 5 p.m. Ord. ... Feb. 20, 8.30 a.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary and Manager
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 3rd, February to Thursday, 15th, February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

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12.30 The Comedy Harmonists—De Groot and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Mozart—"Magic Flute," Act 7.05 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.07 Concert by Vladimir Horowitz and Pablo Casals—Goycolea Tendre, 7.30 London—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.45 Musical Comedy Selections.

9.00 Close Down.

9.00 Mozart—"Magic Flute," Act 7.05 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

9.05 Negro Spirituals—Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen, Louis Armstrong with the Lyn Murray Quartet; (a) I Stand on de Ribber, (b) Peter Go Right dem' Sells, Paul Robeson with Piano Accomp., by Lawrence Brown; Go Down Moses, Paul Robeson accomp. by Lawrence Brown.

9.15 London—News Summary.

9.30 Billy Russell—"On Behalf of the Working Classes."

9.45 The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall.

10.10 B. B. C. Recording—"Playing the Game"—A Farce.

10.15 B. B. C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall.

10.30 B. B. C. Recording—"Playing the Game"—A Farce.

10.45 The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall.

11.00 Close Down.

Wednesday,

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

February 14, 1940.

HITLER PLANS A GRAND GERMANIC EMPIRE



He Forgets That Man Stalin

By MADAME TABOIS

AT the moment when France and Britain, with 30 other States, were voting for the expulsion of the Soviet Union from the League of Nations, and everything pointed to an increase in German-Russian collusion, a few persons in Geneva were informed by a neutral observer of Hitler's latest grandiose scheme for a vast Nazi Empire in Europe.

This plan is contained in a curious and sensational document which I was privileged to see.

A few diplomats who have also seen it are of opinion that it is precisely the German-Russian collusion, manifest in the closing stages of the Geneva session, which will prevent Hitler from carrying it out.

Stalin will never be able to co-operate sincerely, even for twenty-four hours, in setting up a system of which he would be the first victim.

The basis of the plan, which has been drawn up under Hitler's direction by specialists of the "Geopolitik" office, is a coherent, solid bloc of peoples of German race—the Greater Reich. Round this would be a series of satellite States, over which a victorious Germany would exercise political and economic control.

Germany would be the only industrial country. The satellite States would be restricted to supplying raw materials and receiving manufactured articles. They would be allowed to have national industries, to exploit natural resources, or import manufactures from any other country but Germany.

All Germany would thus become an immense, powerfully equipped workshop, under the direction of German technicians. These would constitute the new European élite, with a privileged position over the governing and intellectual classes of satellite countries.

Three Stages

The achievement of this scheme for turning Europe into a German colony is planned for three stages: First: Completion of the German "Unity of the German State" by the inclusion, in addition to Austria, of Danish, Schleswig, and the German part of Poland, and Alsace Lorraine.

Second: Extension of the frontiers of Greater Germany to include territories which are not at present populated by German peoples, but which, according to German "Geopolitik" principles, form integral parts of the German nation. These territories include the principally Polish part of Poland as far as the present Russian frontier, Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia, Hungary, part of Croatia, reaching the Adriatic, Holland, the Flemish part of Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Denmark.

Germanization of these countries is to be accomplished in one generation at the longest by scattering the populations throughout Germany proper and abolishing all non-German national characteristics. This "Real Germany" would then extend from Skagerrak to Flume or Trieste, and from Bile to Königsberg.

Third: Disarmament and subjugation of countries neighbouring the grand Germanic Empire. These would be subjected to various restrictions and reduced to the rank of "protectors."

Italy Not Included

The document mentions France, French-speaking Belgium, Rumania, Jugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria, and the Scandinavian States. It does not mention Italy—perhaps to avoid incidents with that Power.

Turkey is apparently left to Russia, on the strength of a kind of German-Russian "condominium" over the Dardanelles, and of industrial concessions to be determined by special "protectors."

The British Empire is to be pulled to pieces "by means of special agreements with the Dominions when they are entirely detached from London." Britain will then be no more than a little island at the mercy of the Power which dominates the Continent.

France, of course, is to be deprived of all her colonies, which would be annexed to Germany's African Empire.

In his efforts to realize this insatiable dream, however, Hitler forgets that he has been reduced to collaborating with his greatest enemy.

He forgets that by the Peace of Brest-Litovsk in 1917, which seemed to be as advantageous to Germany then as the expulsion of the Soviet from the League seems now, Lenin accomplished the demoralization of the Kaiser's Army in one year.

The few who have seen the Nazi document in Geneva consider that eight to ten months will be sufficient, this time, for Hitler's doctrines to undermine the forces of the Third Reich.

An authoritative conclusion to this effect was communicated to Mr. Braden and to M. Paul Boncour, the British and French delegates, before they left Geneva, from which I have just returned.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 13, 1890. Immense crowds have attended the reception at the Palace in Madrid to-day being the day of the coronation for the recovery of the little King Alfonso.

Russia has the largest standing army in the world, 736,218 men, with 133,170 horses and 1,734 guns; the standing army of Germany consists of 400,000 men, 84,001 horses and 1,374 guns. Great Britain has the largest navy, with some 500 vessels of all classes; Italy has the most heavily armed vessels and guns yet built may prove formidable in war; so far, in peace, they have proved pretty deadly to their owners.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 13, 1915. In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith announced that the British casualties in the war amounted to 104,000 of all ranks.

Passengers on the s.s. Lusitania, which arrived at Liverpool this morning, state that when the coast of Ireland was reached, the wireless message came from the Admiralty telling the commander to hoist the American flag. They accordingly sailed under it to Liverpool.

A Foreign Office statement declares that the British Government always recognises the right of a neutral ship by a mercantile ship for the purpose of escaping capture as legitimate, and involving no breach of International Law; but that to destroy a ship carrying a non-combatant crew and cargo, as Germany has announced its intention of doing, is nothing less than an act of piracy.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 13, 1930. A promise that there will be a great struggle for the Open Tennis Singles Championship of the Colony was indicated yesterday when three first-round ties were played each producing some extraordinarily keen and fighting contests.

Open Championship Singles First Round E. Zimnorn beat A. H. Crook, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4. H. Kn-lan beat F. Grose, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

T. Honda beat H. Lu, 10-8, 6-2, 6-4. Y. Huchiuma w/o Cheng Chi-wing, First Round

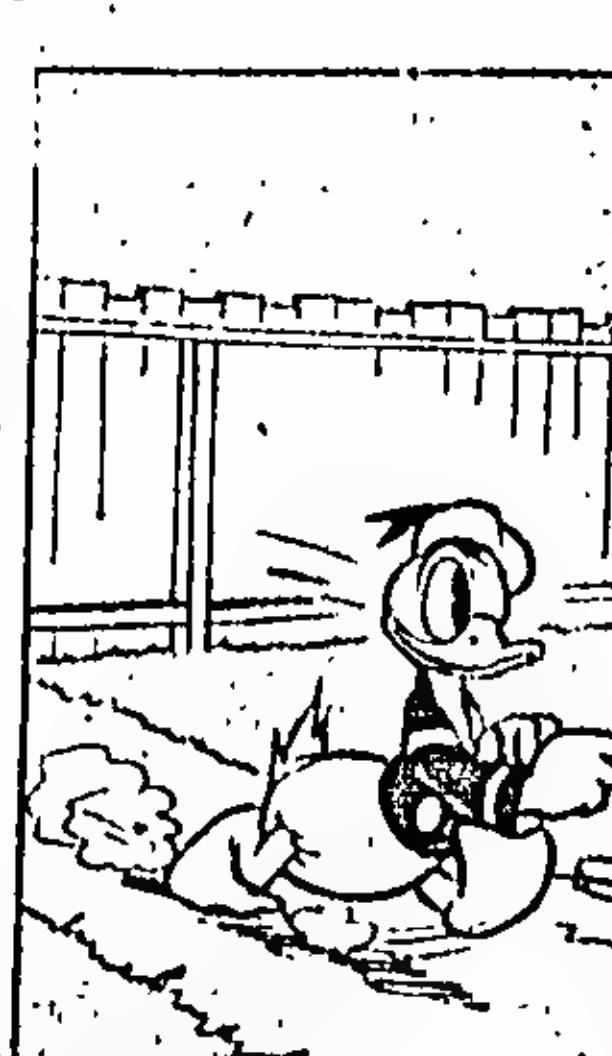
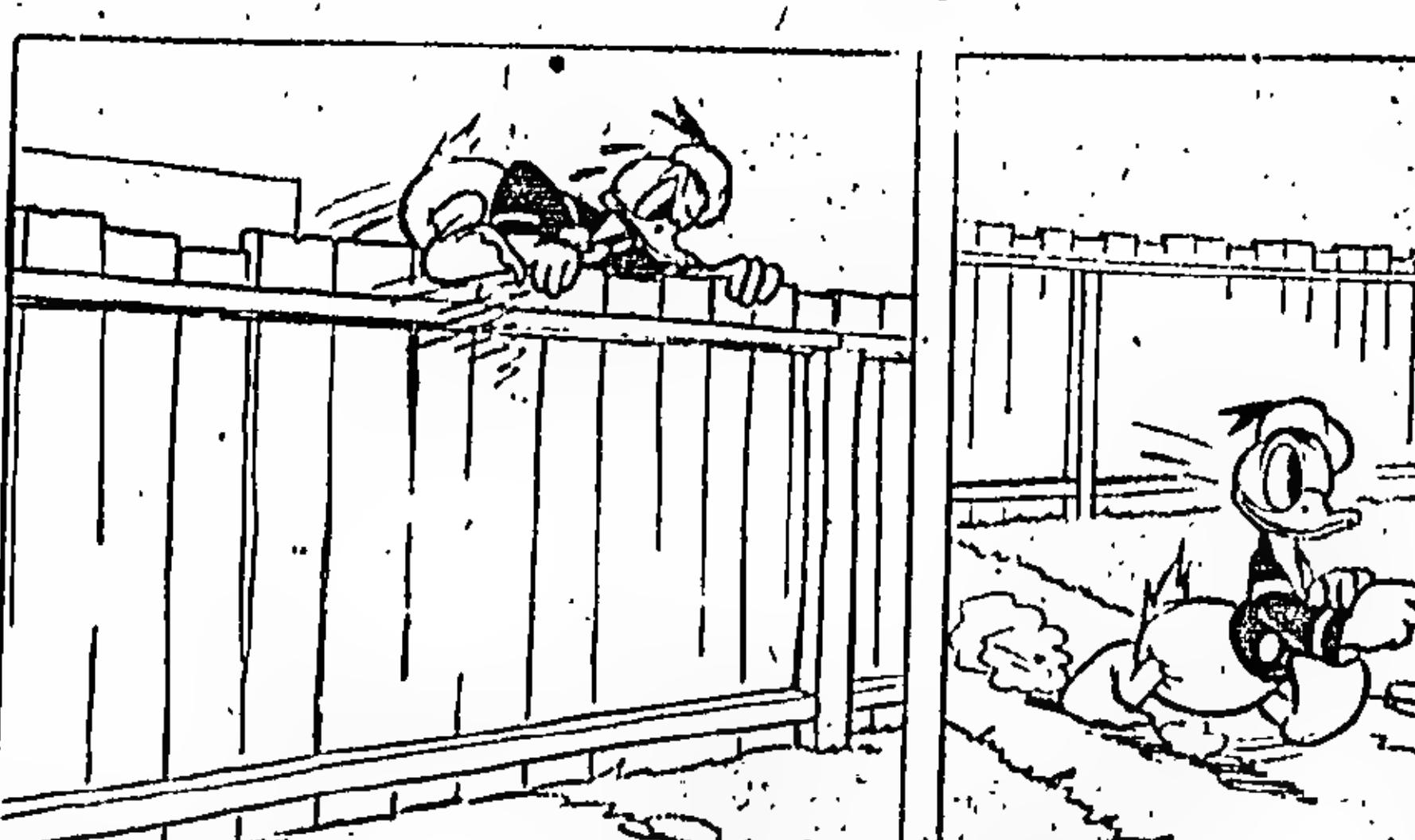
W. C. Hung and Cheng Chi-wing, beat E. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. T. Honda and Y. Akiyama w/o. Yew Man-kit and F. H. Gross, First Round

H. V. Parker and A. Morse, Handicap Doubles First Round J. D. Humphreys and R. H. Wild beat S. L. Parsons and C. P. F. James, 6-2, 6-4.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 13, 1935. Italy is calling troops to the colours in

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By Walt Disney

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Nazi Plans
Fell Into
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LIEGE.
I am now able to tell the remarkable story of how the Belgian and Dutch Governments came into possession of Nazi plans which led them to take special defense measures.

A German officer's haste to rejoin his newly-married wife was the prime cause in a chain of events which resulted in the plans falling into Belgian hands.

A German plane made a forced landing at Mechelen-sur-Meuse, on the Belgian frontier near here. Two officers were in the machine.

One of them belonged to the group of Nazis which has its headquarters at Cologne. He was the officer who carried the vitally important documents.

Told To Go By Train

I learn that he had been ordered to convey those documents, which were very bulky, from Berlin to Cologne. So that no risks should be taken, the officer had been told to travel by train. The High Command in Berlin had, in fact, provided him with a first-class railway pass.

It happened that the officer had only recently been married. His wife was living in Cologne. The train journey would have taken so long that he would not have been able to see her the same evening.

He heard that one of his friends, an airman, was just on the point of leaving Tempelhof for Cologne, and the staff officer decided to take this chance of reaching his wife so much more speedily.

As the result of a big navigational error, the pilot crossed the Rhine far to the north of Cologne and found himself over the Dutch border.

He was greeted by anti-aircraft fire. He consequently turned south, and a few minutes later had to make a forced landing in a meadow at Mechelen-sur-Meuse.

Borrowed Matches

The first thing the staff officer did was to ask a peasant for some matches. With these he tried to set fire to his documents.

Belgian soldiers hastened to the plane, however, and forcibly prevented the officer from destroying the papers.

The two Germans were taken to the nearest military post for questioning. During the interview the Nazi Staff officer succeeded in snatching the documents and throwing them into the fire. A Belgian officer was able, however, to recover them before they caught fire.

There could thus be no doubt that these papers were of exceptional importance. According to my information, they related to the transfer to the left bank of the Rhine of 32 newly-formed divisions.

Facts Confirmed.

This movement was in course of being carried out. Some of these divisions were to go to the Dutch frontier, but the great majority were destined for the Belgian frontier.

The Belgian Intelligence Service was speedily able to confirm that these troop movements were in fact taking place.

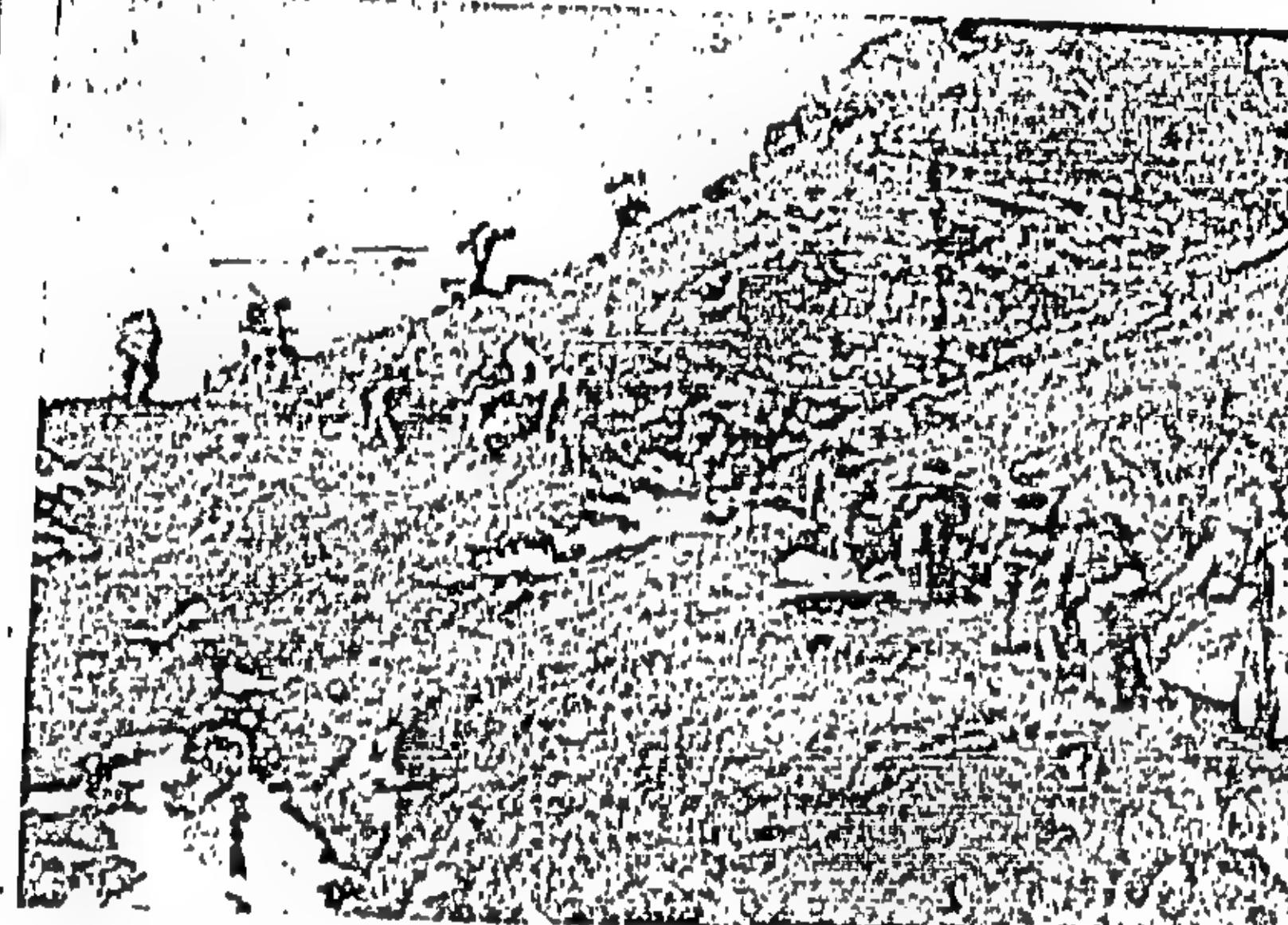
At the same time news was received of the arrival in the Anchon area of the Belgo-German frontier of two Army corps, each consisting of three divisions.

While the movement of troops in the sense indicated by the captured plans was thus clearly taking place, it was not possible to be sure whether these movements were to be regarded as a concentration or were merely designed to relieve units already in the area.

At the same time, there was nothing in the papers taken from the German officer at Mechelen which made it possible to place any certainty on this interpretation of the troop movements.

The one fact which is certain is that at the present moment there are between 75 and 80 divisions on the frontiers of Holland and Belgium, for no movement of troops from the Rhineland back into the interior of Germany has yet taken place.

Of the total concentration, 57 divisions are believed to be eastward of the Belgian frontier.



THIS PHOTOGRAPH epitomises the difficulties encountered by Japan in her war with China. It shows Japanese soldiers toiling upwards on a snow-clad battlefield in the north. —Donet.

JAPAN'S DEATH WIRE CLAIMS FIRST VICTIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Feb. 13 (UP).—A Chinese named Liu La-kuan, aged 31, was electrocuted on the Japanese barbed wire barricades at 5 a.m. to-day.

Liu and his cousin were living in a refugee camp in the British area. Yesterday he made enquiries regarding vegetable prices outside the barriers, apparently intending to smuggle some into the camp.

He was crawling under the electrified wire when a Japanese sentry saw him and made a rush towards him. Liu, although aware of the electrification, tried to escape under the wire. He almost succeeded but must have touched the wire, because he fell down into the British area. His body was discovered by his cousin.

The restrictions for Chinese have now been tightened.

Following a conference to-day, newspaper correspondents noticed hundreds of Chinese waiting to pass the barriers. The Japanese sentries were shelling and ill treating the men in contradiction to the professed desire of the Japanese to gain the goodwill of the Chinese.

Japanese Ace Shot Down

Aerial Battle Over Yunnan Province

KUNMING, Feb. 13 (UP).—The leader of a Japanese air squadron carrying out a raid over Yunnan to-day was shot down by Chinese pursuit machines, according to a Chinese Air Defence announcement.

The wreck of the Japanese plane was found near Lotus Lake, five miles south of Wenshan, which is 30 miles east of the French railway and 30 miles inside the Yunnan border.

It has been definitely ascertained that the plane was the Japanese squadron leader. All the occupants were killed.

According to the Air Defence authorities here, the Governor of Yunnan has presented each Chinese airman who participated in the fight with six sets of aviation clothes, while the provincial government has awarded those responsible for bringing down the Japanese plane 5,000 yuan each.

British Welcome For Welles

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, referring to the forthcoming visit of Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe, said that the British Government for their part would be ready to welcome President Roosevelt's representative and take him fully into their confidence with the object of assisting the President to form an estimate of the present situation.

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TOUGH CLIMB AHEAD OF THEM

Turned Son Out of Home
Father Of 'C.O.' Finds He Has Conscience Too

A YOUNG man whose father turned him out of his home because of his pacifist views appeared before the Conscientious Objectors' Appeal Tribunal in London.

He was R.S. Hildesley, of New Southgate, N. 13, who had been refused registration by the London Tribunal.

Mr. Walter Hildesley said that his son, who was born during an air raid, would not join the Boy Scouts because of his dread of soldiers.

Four years ago his son developed pacifist views, and very acute arguments took place in the home.

"When we knew of his registration as a conscientious objector things became very bad at home. After his tribunal appearance, at which I refused to help him in any way, he surprised us by appealing against the decision."

"Unfair." This led to a further serious dispute, and ended by me telling him to leave the home. This he did.

"It was then I discovered I had a conscientious too. I decided it was unfair for me to judge him when he should be concerned by the decisions of this court."

A Ministry of Labour representative said that the Minister wished to emphasise that it was perfectly possible for an applicant to have definite political objections to the present Government and the present war and yet to have an absolute objection to all war.

The appeal tribunal varied the decision of the London tribunal by releasing Hildesley for non-combatant duties.

Wearing the uniform of a sergeant in the Salvation Army, H. Love, of Kingston-on-Thames, appealed against being registered for non-combatant duties.

Major Grant Matthews said that out of his corps of the Salvation Army Love was the only one who was a conscientious objector.

Sir Leonard Costello (a member of the tribunal to Love): You say that being under authority would not be

In making this announcement in the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that thus far the total conversion converted exceeded two-thirds of the whole.

Sir John added that he regarded the results as unsatisfactory.

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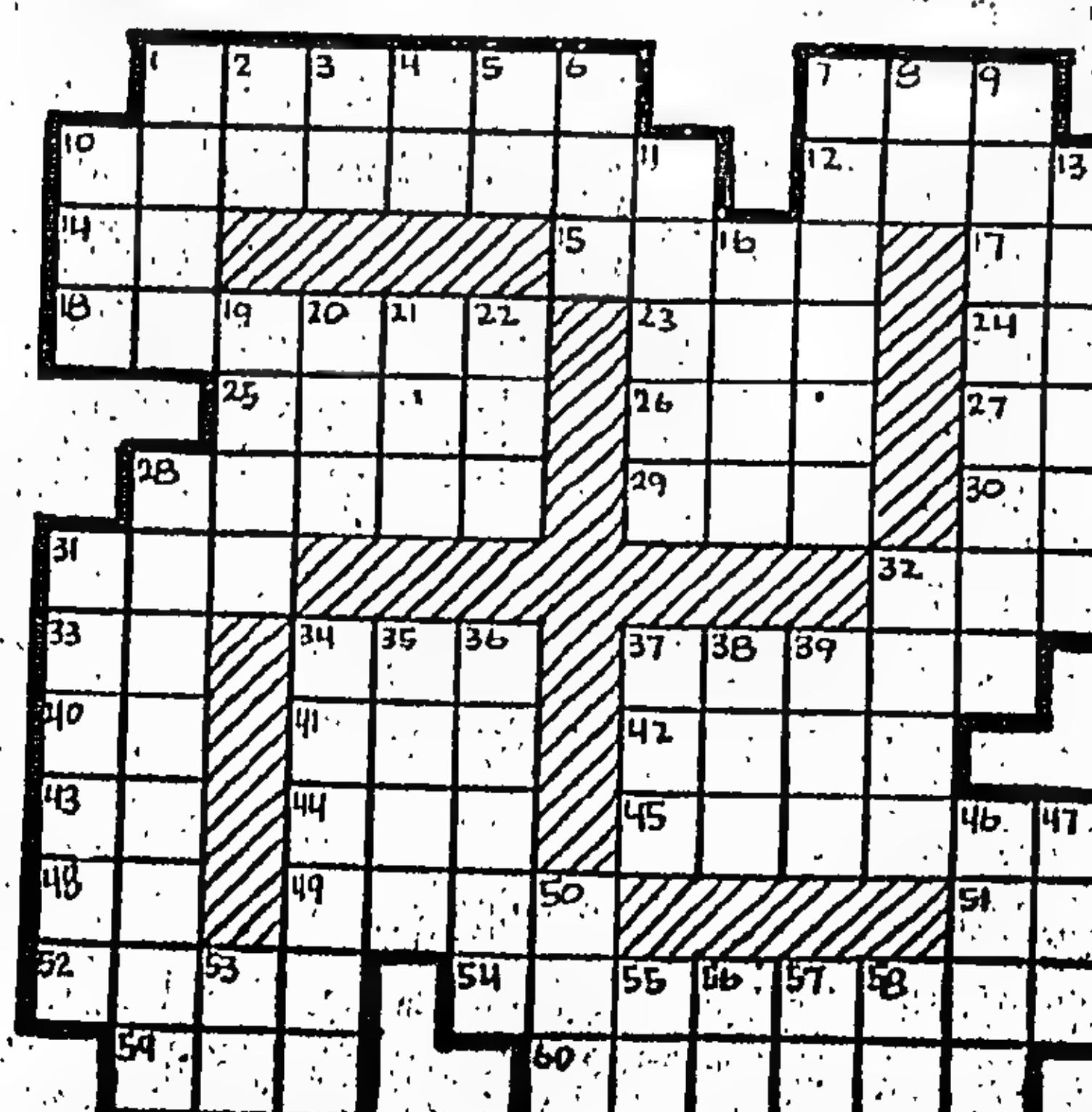
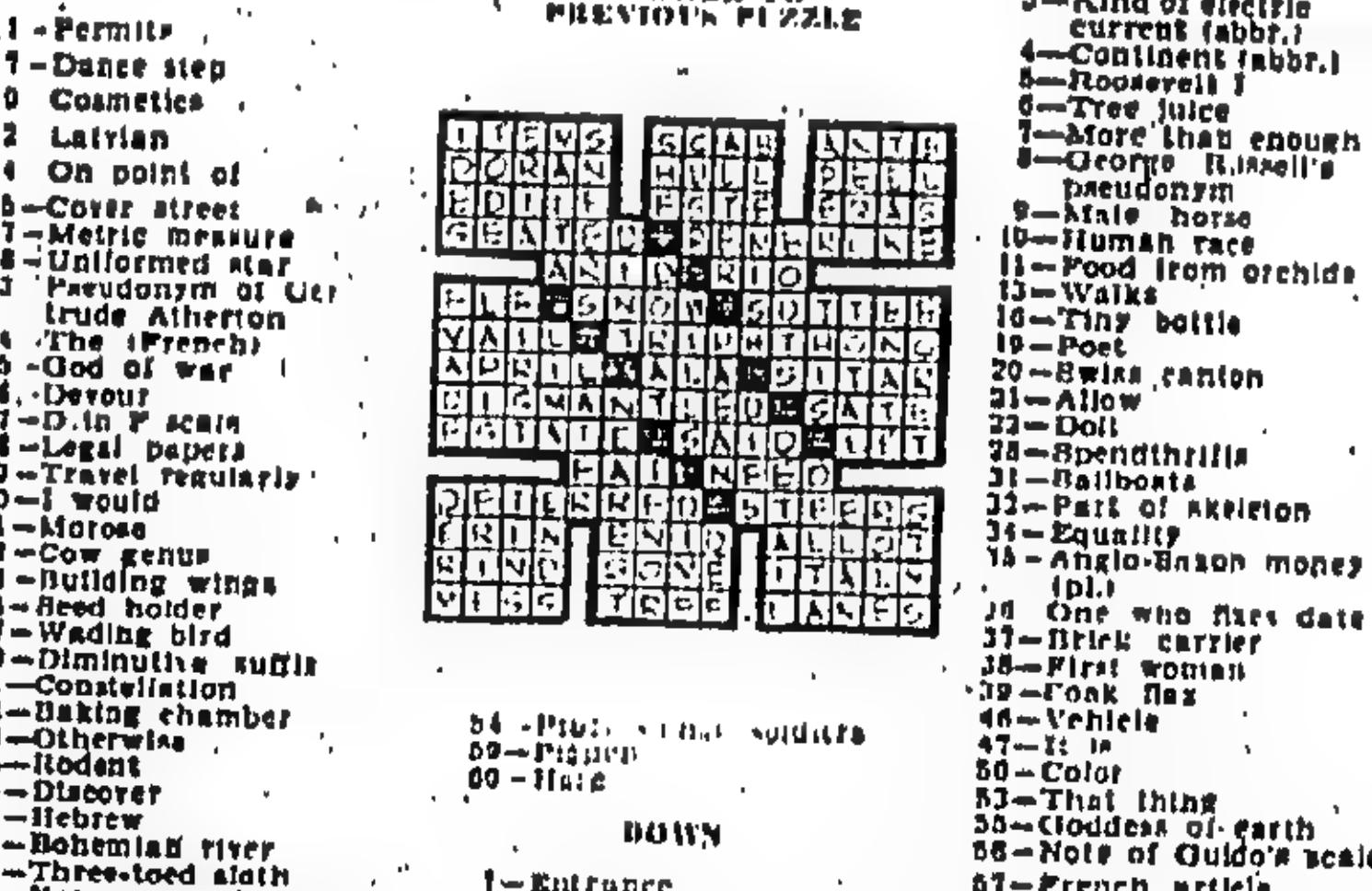
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Hongkong And Finland

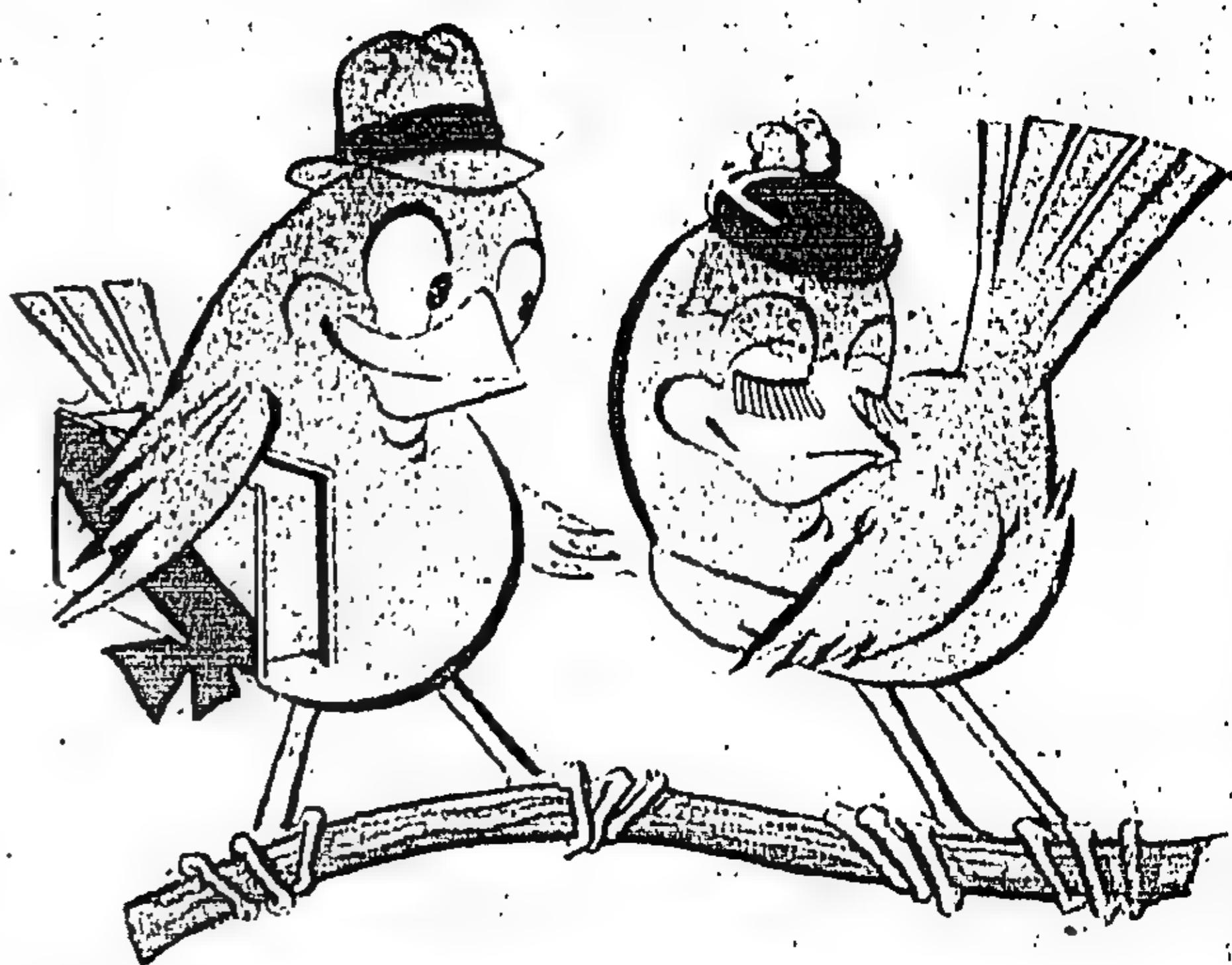
ELEVEN weeks of war against surging hordes, armed with all the aircraft and tanks and artillery that the energies of the continental mass of Russia can produce, find Finland still unconquered and resolute. From the blows of the giant her head is "bloody but unbowed." Military critics, even the friendliest, thought the Finnish resistance could be no more than a gallant gesture soon overwhelmed. The army of the Finns numbers less than 500,000 men, and Stalin counts his hosts by millions. But despite bombing of her towns, despite attacks from many points supported by heavy gun-fire and squadron after squadron of tanks and inexhaustible waves of infantry, no deadly wound has yet been given to the Finnish defence. The valiant resistance offered to the latest massed onslaught makes most heartening reading. The Finns still maintain their country across its narrowest point at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, and the Mannerheim Line across the Karelian Isthmus defies the massed artillery and the squandered legions of Stalin. But civilisation must ask itself how long human fortitude can struggle against such monstrous odds?

Finland is civilisation's outpost against barbarism. If her freedom and the noble way of life which she has won down go before the Robot tyranny of Soviet Russia all Scandinavia will be threatened by a like slavery. The League of Nations has already asked its members severally in what manner they intend to assist Finland in defeating an outrage which they condemned and for which the aggressor was expelled. From the South American States, which were the prime movers in this declaration, Finland can only obtain financial support or, in time, foodstuffs. On behalf of the British Empire the promise has already been given that the Finns will receive from British factories aircraft and other material and Britain is acting in close concert with the Finns. What have the neutral countries to offer Finland? She is the champion of them all in a desperate fight, and some of the European neutral nations have great material interest in her cause. Those across the seas owe it the support not only of common humanity, but of like ideals.

We in Hongkong, although far away from the scene of Russian barbarism, can do our small bit to help Finland's resistance. It is gratifying to note that, despite the many calls on our pockets, Hongkong has responded readily to the "Friends of Finland" fund inaugurated by the Consul for Finland, and that the total yesterday stood at £7,716, enabling two remittances totalling £403 to be sent to Finland.

It is well said that Finland's cause

**Happy
days
again**
(after to-day)



According to country folk to-day is the day
when the birds of the air choose their mates.

wooden clapper when he sings:
Eat birds, eat, and make no
waste,
I lie here and make no
haste;
If my master chance to
come—
You must fly and I must

run.
And the lonely goose-girl on
the green common, silver-with
pussy-willows and yellow with
gorse; what plaint does she
carol?

I am a pretty wench,
And I came a great way
hence
And sweethearts I can get
none;
But every glossy crow
Can get sweethearts now,
But I, pretty wench, can't
get one.

It was the same little maiden
perhaps who, as she sat combing
her hazel locks against the
mossy root of the old ash tree,
well sheltered from the wind
made up the following verse:

Gray goose and gander
Waft your wings together
And carry my mother's
daughter

Over the one strand river.
And in the cities the same
happy unrest is felt. The clouds
that float above the steeples and
the chimney pots of our town
seem to tempt us to a freer life.

There are rumours in the air
and as we return home from
work we know that at every
street corner we may meet in
the drowsy twilight the one we
have searched for all our life
long!

Up street and down street
Each window is made of
glass
And if you go to the further
house

You'll find a pretty lass.
With the passing of Saint
Valentine's Day the softer
months of the year are before us.
Even the month of March
need not affright us blow as he
may his donkey's horn.

BEFORE us are all the
happy Saturday afternoons of the summer, Sunday
PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

**G.O.C. the
Canadians
won't waste
his soldiers**

**WILLIAM
BARKLEY**

"I'm a soldier, not a scholar." He said the words with a laugh. He had been speaking of the health of the Canadian troops on their voyage to Britain. Among them all were two cases of pneumonia, but, said the general, "they yielded to sulphonamide treatment."

A word which would twist most tongues came trippingly off his lips when some one said "Spell it." Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, commanding the Canadian Active Service Force, grinned and said he was not a scholar.

In truth he is both scientist and soldier. In himself he admirably represents that quality of adapted intelligence which he is building into his Canadian division. His belief is that a modern army unit—mechanized, expert and technical—can be built in short time from civilians if the civilians are technical experts already, and particularly if they are Canadian.

That is where we score as a pioneer country," he told me. "We are accustomed to fighting the rigours of nature. We don't need to create technical experience. We have a wealth of it which merely requires adaptation."

Andrew or "Andy" McNaughton—"Tim of Scottish ancestry"—is in himself part of that Canadian wealth of adaptable experience. He has slipped into khaki as lightly as he slipped it off in 1919. In the last war, as in this, he was one of the first Canadian contingents landing in France in February 1918 in major of artillery, in which he had done militia service since his undergraduate days of 1900. He ended the war in command of the Canadian Heavy Artillery.

Between wars he has applied his scientific brain to the military art until four years ago his Government put him at the head of the Canadian National Research Council. He is himself the inventor of a cathod-ray direction-finder. Precision instruments of aircraft, meteorological equipment, metallurgical research—such have been the interests of Canada's Commander. But all the time he was applying his laboratory experience to mechanical warfare.

Just on the outbreak of war he came to London with the Canadian Mission to spread his enthusiasm for the newest guns which he had inspected here. Once again he has left the laboratory and slipped back into khaki, the embodiment of the skilled technician who sizes up to his idea of the modern soldier.

At fifty-two he is slim, lean-featured and alert as a blackbird. His black moustache is graying but there are bushy black eyebrows over the sombre brown eyes which concentrate the frank and most comprehending gaze as he speaks to one. His manner is natural, quite unstudied and all the more impressive for that. He is grim and serious.

"This is not a glorious adventure that we are engaged on," he said. "That is not the spirit of my men. We regard it as an unpleasant job that has got to be done and done as quickly as possible so that we can get back to our civil avocations."

War as he wages it is not going to be any affair of wasting men on gallant but, hopeless, exploit.

"Machines and intelligence are the things to win the war with" he says, "not young lives."

His task now is to extract the last ounce of benefit from our own Army's experience and to equip the own magnificent manpower with every device that can render them formidable as a scientific fighting force.

ARF A Mo', ADOLF!



The second Australian Expeditionary Force has arrived in Egypt.
Armstrong in the Melbourne "Argus"

WILL NOT INTERFERE

U.S. State Department And War In East

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has expressed the State Department's disapproval of the resolution to invoke the Neutrality Act in the undeclared war between Japan and China, according to Senator Key Pittman.

Pittman told press representatives to-day that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would probably consider Mr. Cordell Hull's opinion as also reflecting the State Department's views on the undeclared Russo-Finnish war.

Senator Pittman declined to make public the contents of a letter in which Mr. Cordell Hull outlined his views, but said that Mr. Cordell Hull apparently felt that the peace and security of the United States was not directly involved in either conflict.

Cry For Embargo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The cry for a moral embargo against Japan is raised by Senator Norris.

It is generally thought, however, that in the most vital aspect, namely oil, this is inapplicable.

Exports of war material must obtain State Department licences and then moral pressure can be applied, but oil companies do not require licences.

Hence it is difficult to apply pressure there. Moreover, it is reported that there is not the same unanimity between oil companies as regards sales to Japan as exists among aircraft manufacturers.

Present indications are that the Senate will proceed cautiously in dealing with proposals for an official Government embargo against Japan.

Rescue After 28 Hours

Survivors Of Trawler Crew Suffer Severely

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—After 28 hours in an open boat, eleven members of the crew of the British trawler *Togimo*, all suffering from exposure and three seriously wounded, were landed at a port in south-east Euro to-day.

The trawler was sunk by a U-boat which shelled them and killed one of the crew.

Before the Spanish steamer, *Montenavajo*, rescued them they had to eat upon a ration of one biscuit and a few spoonfuls of water.

Captain James Gale, who won the D.S.C. in the last war, stated that he was on watch on Sunday morning when a shot from a U-boat 500 yards away started him. The trawler extinguished all lights and attempted to dash to safety, but the next shot hit the chardhouse close to where the Captain was standing and set it afire.

20 Shots Fired

Twenty more shots were fired, putting the engines and dynamo out of action and damaging the steering gear. As the trawler began to sink, orders were given to man boat.

An Irishman, Price, was coming up the ladder to the deck when a shell burst, killing him and wounding his companion.

Another of the crew, badly wounded, was carried to the lifeboat by his comrades.

Another shot then carried away the wheelhouse.

There was hardly room to move in the lifeboat and to ball constantly.

All were exhausted from exposure and hunger when they were picked up by the *Montenavajo*.

Victory Confirmed

CHUNGKING, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Chinese forces have recaptured the important town of Pingyang, north-east of Nanning in South Kwangsi.

The Chinese on February 11 launched a strong attack on the Japanese forces holding the town. After an all-day battle, the Chinese forces occupied the town, inflicting 5,000 casualties on the Japanese.

A communiqué states that after three days of irresistible Chinese encircling and outflanking movements, the Japanese forces in the Pingyang area are beginning a general withdrawal towards Nanning.

NO EXCHANGE OF COMMODITIES

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, in answer to a question as to what commercial transactions had taken place between Britain and Russia during the last three months, Sir Andrew Duncan, new President of the Board of Trade, said that regarding the agreement signed last October with Soviet Russia for the exchange of timber against rubber and tin, he had been informed that it had not been found possible for the exchange of these commodities to take place.

KING SENDS HIS GOOD WISHES

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King has sent to the Emperor of Japan a telegram of good wishes for his health and welfare and prosperity of the Imperial House on the occasion of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire.

Minorities Suffering Nazi Cruelty Is Exposed

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Further evidence of to-day states that the minorities are suffering under the Nazi heel is provided by an article in the "New York Times."

So much food has been taken from Bohemia and Moravia, it says, that there is now not enough wheat and rye remaining to provide food for the population. Stark hunger is their prospect.

Farmers are selling live-stock because there is no food stock.

Nevertheless, the Prague Cabinet has been ordered to provide 100,000 hogs by the spring although there is no food to feed them.

The production of butter and fats is only 12 per cent. of the normal. Nevertheless margarine factories must continue to ship definite amounts, all carefully wrapped in Russian paper, to bolster up the courage of the German consumer.

DIGGERS WELCOMED

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Any Force, cabled the First Lord of the Admiralty to-day.

The cable read: "I send you on this historic day the thanks of all ranks to the gallant ships of the Royal Navy protecting us on our voyage to Egypt."

Mr. Winston Churchill replied that the Royal Navy was proud to carry the famous Anzacs once again across the ocean.

"All your old comrades in the Royal Naval Division rejoice to see you at the head of the New Zealand command," he added.

N.Z. Raises Another Army

WELLINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Within 24 hours of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand troops, the New Zealand Minister of Defence was announcing that a second New Zealand contingent for overseas was only 753 men short of full strength.

He declared that within a week sufficient men should be available from a third contingent.

Response to the call had been excellent. The New Zealand Government, he said, was trying to get reinforcements ready some months ahead of requirements.

A National Recruiting Committee, therefore, was being formed.

Neutrals Impressed

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—There is ample evidence that the arrival of the Australian and New Zealand Forces in the Middle East has created a great impression not only at home but also in neutral countries.

It is the leading topic of conversation in England. Messages from France show that our Allies are equally stirred by this demonstration of solidarity.

Diggers In Palestine

JAFFA, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The first contingent of Australian troops arrived in Palestine to-day after a five hour train journey.

An unending line of grey buses conveyed them from the small station through the orange groves to a white-tented camp, which had been prepared by a Scottish regiment who greeted the newcomers warmly.

The battle dresses of "the Scotties" and "the Diggers" contrasted but they soon fraternised.

Swedish Ship Lost

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Swedish steamer, *Dalaro*, 3,827 tons, sank in the Atlantic early yesterday.

The crew of 26 were rescued by a Belgian trawler which made for an Irish port.

The Captain died soon after the rescue.

It is not known whether the *Dalaro* was mined or torpedoed.

MOST DESPERATE BATTLE OF WAR

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mighty Red Army on the Karelian Isthmus.

The continuous artillery fire, always clearly audible in Leningrad, is heard with much greater clarity during the long, silent winter nights.

The Finns wonder whether the Russians in Leningrad never speculate on the fact that the fighting has remained in virtually the same spot since the war started eleven weeks ago.

Viborg, behind the Finnish lines—it is the second largest city in Finland—does not wonder, because it knows what effort have gone into the Finnish defences.

Viborg is the most efficient city I have ever seen taking shelter when an air raid alarm is sounded.

Some Finnish officers call the present fighting "Russia's anniversary offensive" as, they believe, it is designed to produce a great victory and entrance into Viborg on February 23, Russia's "Army Day." Earlier, however, Stalin's birthday was to have produced this occasion for rejoicing among the Russians.

American Planes For Sweden

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively reported that the Swedish Purchasing Mission has contracted for 144 Vultee planes which are reputed to be capable of a speed exceeding 400 m.p.h. The cost is approximately \$10,000,000.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announces that the Naval Authorities will be testing the air raid warning system situated on Stonecutters Island to-morrow commencing at 2.30 p.m.

WESTERN FRONT

German Raid Repulsed

PARIS, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states that east of the Moselle an enemy raid, preceded by trench mortar and artillery preparation, has failed completely.

There was infantry fire on the Rhine and also aviation activity.

Bitter Cold In Battle Zone

PARIS, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Despite the new cold wave which has descended on the Western Front, British planes made a long reconnaissance flight over north-west Germany and returned safely although attacked by German fighters, it is stated here.

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Control Of Railways

Government Scheme Debated In Commons

LONDON, Feb. 13 (British Wireless).—Financial arrangements respecting Government control of railways in wartime were debated in the Commons on motion of Mr. Herbert Morrison, who declared that national interests would be better served by the establishment of a permanent national transport authority to own and control all forms of inland and coastwise transport.

In criticising the agreement, he referred to the rise in railway stocks since the agreement was mooted amounting, he said, to £100,000,000, and remarked that government participation in profits only began when they were at a very high level.

The Minister of Transport, Captain Euan Wallace, said that he did not think anyone would dispute the need for control of transport in wartime. Government must be in a position to direct that the rail system as a whole should be used to the best advantage.

Pool System

Financial arrangements were all based on the general principle that the receipts of controlled undertakings should be pooled.

There were four stages in the financial arrangements—first, that the minimum net revenue should be guaranteed by the government; second, a further amount which the controlled undertakings might be paid in excess of that minimum; third, profit-sharing on a fifty-fifty basis which extended to a point where each of the controlled undertakings would reach its standard revenue; and fourth, above that point, all additional net earnings accrued to the Exchequer.

It was impossible to forecast what would happen after the war, but he opined that railway charges would find their economic levels as they would during the war in accordance with the agreement. There was no intention of securing charges during the war beyond an economic level.

Economic Basis

Government intended as far as possible that controlled undertakings should operate upon an economic basis involving adjustments, charges to variation in working costs including wage rates, prices of material and other circumstances arising directly out of the war and including the cost of meeting charges for making good good war damage.

It was not possible, under the stress of war conditions, to retain the jurisdiction of the Railways Rates Tribunal over the general level of charges. Government did not intend, however, that the safeguard should be abandoned, and a special department of the Ministry was being set up, to be aided by a distinguished civil servant, to deal with the question of rates.

Government Assurance

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—An assurance that the Government would not use the control of railways to impose higher charges on the public was given by the Transport Minister, Captain Euan Wallace, in the House of Commons to-day.

Captain Wallace said that charges would only rise if necessitated by increased wages, prices of materials or difficulties due to war conditions, and that such increases would have to be justified to Parliament.

Captain Wallace was answering Opposition criticism of the Government's agreement with the railways, following a motion by Mr. Herbert Morrison that the interests of the country would be better served by the establishment of a permanent national transport authority to own control of all forms of inland and coastwise transport.

Mr. Morrison's motion was defeated by 180 to 119.

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Troops Fed From Air

Posts Isolated In Recent "Freeze"

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—How troops cut off during Britain's recent great freeze-up were fed from the air is now revealed.

In various parts of the country, the R.A.F. were asked to establish communication with, or drop supplies to, military units cut off by the snow.

A request was made to one R.A.F. station to get food to five searchlight posts which had become isolated. The need was so urgent that it was decided not to drop supplies in the ordinary way from bomb-bays.

The aircraft found the first searchlight post and one of the crew kicked the supply container overboard when another gave the signal.

Although flying was difficult, all five posts were contacted. It is estimated that no supply container fell over 200 yards from the target. Some fell considerably nearer.

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More Seamen Wanted By Admiralty

LONDON, Feb. 13 (British Wireless).—Since war began 10,000 experienced seamen have joined the Royal Navy Patrol Service, and recruiting is proceeding at a rate of 300 a week. It is now stated that the Admiralty will require a further 10,000 to man the growing fleet of all types engaged in minelaying, mine-sweeping, anti-submarine service and all kinds of patrol work.

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DEBATE OF 29 HOURS

Record Sitting Of South African Assembly

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—After challenging the Government's war measure in a House of Assembly debate lasting 26 hours, the Opposition led by General Hertzog and Dr. Malan unsuccessfully moved for an adjournment this afternoon.

The motion was defeated by 78 to 48 votes, and the debate on the second reading of the Emergency Powers Bill, therefore, is continuing.

Chef Was Exhausted

The Opposition Whip, asking General Smuts to accept the adjournment motion, stated that the House was unable to carry on; the official reporters were exhausted, there were no supplies in the pantries and the chef, who had been on duty 30 hours, was nearing exhaustion.

The Whip added that there were still 22 members of the Opposition wishing to speak. Unless there was an adjournment, the debate would continue until 4 a.m. to-morrow at the earliest.

General Smuts declined to accept the motion.

Pool System

The Assembly finally passed the second reading of the War Measures Bill by 70 to 59 votes after a record sitting of 28 hrs. 47 minutes.

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

RECREIO BEAT C.S.C.C.

Rapid Century By Alec Pearce: Craigengower Trounce Kowloon

THE ONLY MATCH in the first division of the League on Saturday last was that between the Recreio at home and the Civil Service. The improved form of the latter team suggested the possibility that they might pull off the game, which would have a very great bearing on other Clubs' chances for the Shield. But it was not to be.

I estimate that playing on their own ground is worth fifty to seventy-five runs to the Recreio. They indeed started badly but recovered, and the Civil Service could do nothing with their excellent bowling on their very tricky wicket.

Good bowling by Perry and McClellan, and a run out enabled the Civil Service to get down the first five Recreio wickets for fifty, but then Gerry Gosano and Rodrigues came to the rescue. The bowling tired and Whitley was not on his day.

Again a run out helped as Gerry Gosano was out from an excellent return by Barrow, who was fielding very well at cover. But the bowling was bad—and some of the fielding—and the last three men got 46 between them, when Rodrigues declared at 149 for 9.

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A MISERABLE SHOW

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SPORT ADVTS.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940
17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

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The fifth interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and in payable at the Gate.

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Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders **ONLY** on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,

Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries close on Saturday, 24th February.

Forms are obtainable from all Clubs affiliated to the H.K.L.T.A.

ASTONISHING SALE OF DERBY TICKETS

THE SALE of sweep tickets on the Hongkong Derby has reached almost 450,000. For days a continuous stream of buyers has been moving up and down the stairway of Exchange Building, and if the remarkable rush continues—there are five and a half more days to go—the ultimate number of tickets sold is going to be prodigious.

The first prize will be about \$100,000, as sales stand at the moment, and around \$63,000 will be divided among the drawers of unplaced entered ponies.

The proceeds of the sweep, after deducting expenses, are in aid of the British War Organisation Fund and the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

"Gone With The Wind"

RECENTLY the cinema event for which America has waited for three years took place in Atlanta, Ga.—the premiere of the Technicolour film "Gone With the Wind."

Governor Eurith D. Rivers proclaimed a Statewide holiday and 300,000 film fans lined up for seven miles to watch the procession of motor-cars which brought Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, his wife Carole Lombard, Producer David O. Selznick, Laurence Olivier and others from the air port.

The night before the premiere of the film a costume ball was held. At the premiere, hundreds of delighted Georgians clapped, cheered, whistled and wept at the historical sequences.

New York Debut

The film was also shown at New York's Astor and Capitol Theatres and was hailed unanimously by all as an excellent film. Olivia de Havilland, James Stewart, Will Hays, David Selznick, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the Vanderbilt clan, Doris Duke, Cromwell and nearly every millionaire and his wife in New York were present at the screening.

It took three years to make this film from a novel which Margaret Mitchell took seven years to write.

Producer Selznick's first trouble was to reduce the 1,037-page novel to a workable Hollywood script.

Sidney Howard, one of the ablest script writers, arrived in Hollywood in the spring of 1937. Throughout that summer, together with Selznick and George Cukor, he worked on the first script. When finished it was found to be too long so they made another script. In 1938, many famous writers were all working on the script.

Search for Stars

Production finally started but results came slowly. For two years Selznick had nobody to play the part of Scarlett O'Hara so girls were taken and scouts dispatched throughout America. During the filming of one of the first scenes—that of the burning of Atlanta—Myron Selznick took Vivien Leigh with him on the set and invited his brother "to meet Scarlett O'Hara."

When the news came out that she had been given the part, a few protests were heard. On the whole, however, the Southerners were pleased to hear that an English girl and not a Yankee had been chosen for the part.

American cinema fans unanimously voted that Clark Gable must play Rhett Butler.

Selznick also agreed with them that he should cast Olivia de Havilland as Melanie Hamilton, Leslie Howard as Ashley Wilkes and Laura Hope Crews as Aunt Pittypat.

Then Selznick cast Thomas Mitchell as Gerald O'Hara and Hattie McDaniel as Mammy.

Four Hour Show

In January 1939, the filming of "Gone With the Wind" commenced in earnest and six months later the final scenes were taken. The cutting of the film then began. Over 225,000 feet of film had to be cut and spliced into a moving picture short enough to exhibit. After working day and night, Selznick and his staff finally produced the finished film which runs for just under four hours.

The picture has to make about \$5,000,000 before it begins to earn any profits at all. Dow Jones receipts of this film might bring shareholders in Loew's Incorporated upwards of \$1 per share.



VIVIEN Leigh, who appears as Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind", shown as she arrived for the Atlanta premiere of the film. She was introduced to audiences over a nation-wide hook-up by Mayor Hartsfield of Atlanta.

AT THE CINEMAS

Queen's and Alhambra: "Wizard of Oz" (Judy Garland, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr)

Oriental: "Adventures of Robin Hood" (Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland)

Majestic: "Society Lawyer" (Walter Pidgeon, Virginia Bruce)

King's: "Young Mr. Lincoln" (Henry Fonda)

Best Films Of 1939

ACCORDING to the "Sunday Times" here are the ten best films of 1939:

"Stagecoach" (American):

Director, John Ford. Leading players, Claire Trevor, John Wayne.

"La Femme Du Boulanger" (French): Director, Marcel Pagnol. Leading players, Raimu, Genette Leclerc.

"Professor Mamlock" (Russian): Director, Adolf Münich and Herbert Ranft. Leading player S. M. Hinksi.

"Hostages" (French): Director, Raymond Bernard. Leading players, Saturnin Fabre, Charlène Lucey.

"Les Gens Du Voyage" (French): Director, Jacques Feyder. Leading players, Françoise Rosay, Pierre Fresnay.

"Wuthering Heights" (American): Director, William Wyler. Leading players, Laurence Olivier, Merle Oberon.

"Our Angels Have Wings" (American): Director, Howard Hawks. Leading players, Jean Arthur, Cary Grant.

"On the Night of the Fire" (British): Directors, Brian Desmond Hurst. Leading players, Ralph Richardson, Diana Wynyard.

"The Marx Brothers at the Circus" (American): Director, Edward Buzzell. Leading players, the Marx Brothers.

"La Bête Humaine" (French): Director, Jean Renoir. Leading players, Jean Gabin, Simone Simon.

The "Sunday Times" critic adds:

"—Anatole Litvak's 'Confessions of a Nazi Spy' nearly went into the list. So did Anthony Asquith's 'French Without Tears', Frank Capra's 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington', Marcel Carné's 'Quai des Brumes' and 'Hôtel du Nord' and the first half of Leo McCarey's 'Love Affair'."

Film Of Prehistoric Tribes

WORD comes from Hollywood that David W. Griffith and Hal Roach are producing a picture in which they are looking backward, past the birth of the cinema at which they officiated, to 1,000,000 years B.C.

Both are reported to have admitted that "it is a screwy idea," but, nevertheless, it sounds a good one.

Dawn Age

They are collaborating on a screen version of the dawn age, titled "1,000,000 B.C." This effort of theirs is, in effect, a silent picture. It opens in the present era, on a conversation between a scientist and some young people and fades back a million years, with the scientist's voice continuing as a commentary. Each sequence thereafter begins with a cloud "shot" according to Mr. Griffith's plan, and then the camera comes down to the action.

The story deals with two prehistoric tribes—the Rock people, a rugged race, and the Shell tribe, a gentler and more kindly group. The civilizing of the former by the latter by means of the charm of Carole Landis, the leading lady, who softens the savage heart of Victor Mature, the leading man, forms the theme of the picture.

No English is spoken by the prehistoric characters, which will mean, as Roach points out, that the foreign market can be completely exploited by United Artists, the distributing company, simply by changing the commentary. The incomprehensible language which the ancients use presented something of a problem.

Dialogue Trouble

Miss Florence McEnany of the studio research department was assigned to prepare prehistoric dialogue. She obtained glossaries of four extinct American Indian tongues—the Oto, the Biloxi, the Natick and the Bontock-Igorot. From these she compiled two languages, one for each tribe. But (and a shocking commentary) it is on the propensities of the civilized ear when spoken, these unsullied primitive polyglots suggested such double-entendres that they had to be scrapped. The dialogue is now more McEnany than anything else.

At its inception, "1,000,000 B.C." was meant to adhere to recognized scientific theory, but when Roach and Griffith realized that their players would have to appear au naturel, with only a matting of body hair to screen them from the Biway office, they decided to endow the characters with a knowledge of the art of hide-tanning. Having gone so far, they remembered that "after all, the screen is meant for entertainment," and now their scenario contains specimens of the fauna of almost every geological age.

This picture, which is under contract with the King's Theatre, will be shown here as early as possible.

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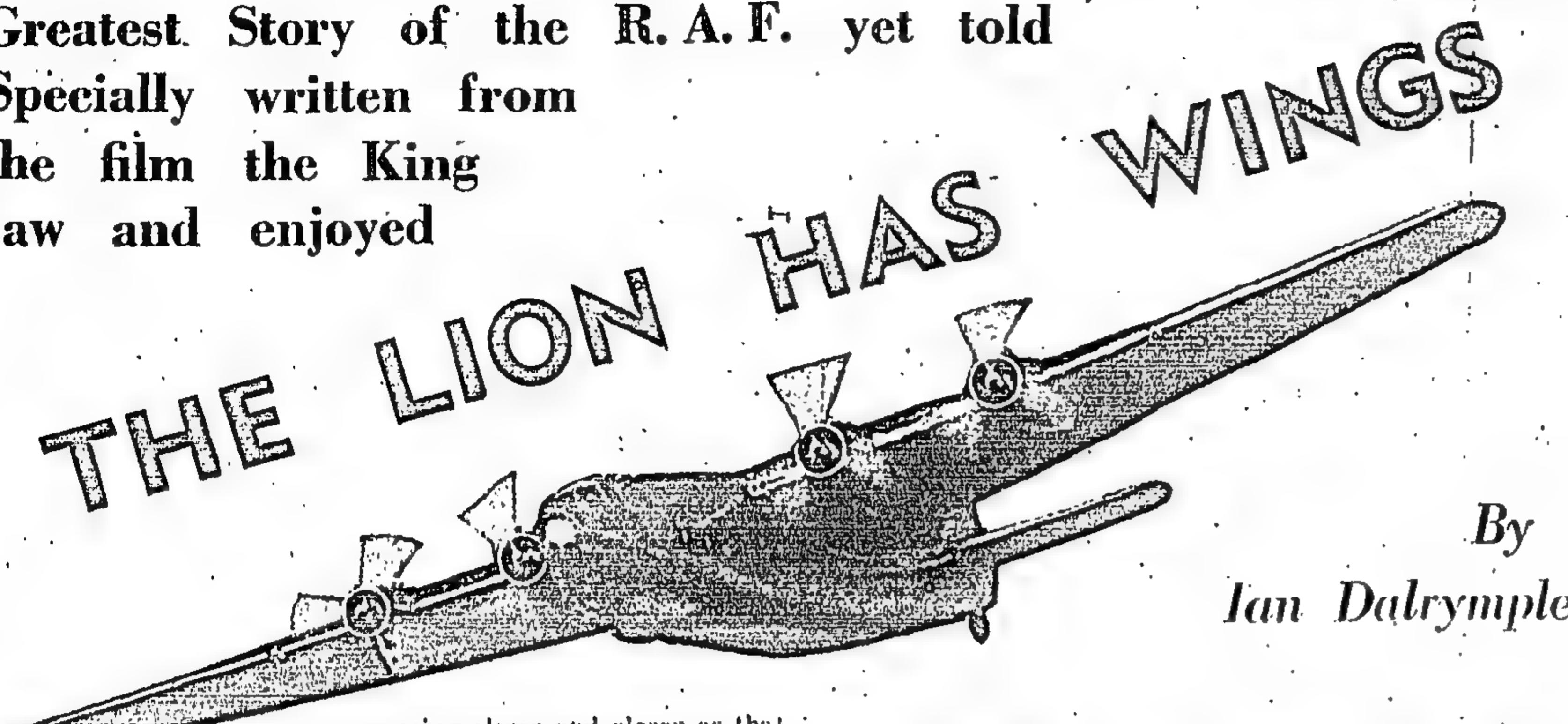


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coming closer and closer as the speed of the plane increased.

The pilot looked below. There was a spark in his eye, a look of anticipation that boded ill for the Nazis!

"Hullo, bit of excitement down there," and he jerked his head downwards. The R.A.F. Armada flashed onwards.

"Yes," replied the navigating officer, "Ship's crew's bathing!" The pilot's lips creased in a smile. "They can't have expected us!"

Suddenly, in a voice vibrant with excitement, the pilot yelled: "There she is!"



FAR below lay the Kiel Canal, the object of their trip. It lay, a tempting target with ships resting, unsuspecting the hell that was about to be let loose.

"Signal—line astern" came a voice.

From the plane the Verey pistol smoke and the light from the pistol flashed through the air.

"Right, here we go," called the pilot. His hand flicked down the switches, while the bomb aimer waited, taut and alert. Down scudded the plane.

"Right," snapped the bomb aimer. "Steady."

Again the plane dipped, roaring through the sky. The bomb aimer's hand hovered over a switch.

And down from the plane, straight as a die, a grim ambuscade of death, fell the first bomb.

It hit the sea with thunderous force, exploding near the battleship and swirling the ocean into an angry crescendo of fury.

The dull roar of the explosion resounded through the plane as it swooped upwards on its non-stop flight. Another bomb fell, still closer this time, and again a giant swirl of water was flung up like a ferocious fountain.

Across the decks of the battleship rushed frantic sailors as death rained so suddenly from the skies. Another bomb left the hatch.

"Har ni en fästnicks" he muttered.

"What's that?" growled the sailor.

"A match," urged the shabby stranger. He leaned close to the sailor, and, cupping his hand to guard the flickering flame, he muttered: "Activity at Pirate Squadron AZZ."

The sailor nodded briefly, and the stranger shuffled into the night.

Throwing his cigarette stub away, the sailor boarded his ship and made his way to the wireless operator's cabin. "Activity at Pirate Squadron AZZ. Code Group XY4479." The operator nodded, scribbled on his pad and got to work.

Britain's under-cover men had made the first move in thwarting a threatened Nazi raid.

Meanwhile, unconscious that their plans were already suspected, a score of Nazi pilots stood, erect and grim, as their commanding officer harangued them in swift, harsh tones.

"After course to 110 degrees," called the navigator.

"Okay!" called back the pilot. "I'm going down to a hundred feet for the run into the coast!"

Down the plane swooped, like some giant hawk sighting its prey. Below lay the coastline,

By Ernie Bushmiller



Suddenly the air became electric. The Air Officer Commander-in-Chief urgently summoned the Southern Group. "Raids 1 and 2 are entering your area. Carry on and deal with them."

"Yes, sir," replied the Group Controller. He turned to another phone. "Braxted?"

Wing Commander Ralph Richardson replied. He listened intently. "O.K." Then gave his orders. "A Flight 299." It was zero hour.



WITH the enthusiasm of small boys let out of school earlier than they expected, the pilots waiting near their Spitfires leapt into action.

Propellers started to turn. Bobby fastened his parachute to his back, adjusted his goggles, and half-smiled at the other pilots who were to share the danger ahead.

Then he hopped nimbly into the cockpit of his plane, waved cheerily to the boys of the ground staff, and scuttled off into the darkness.

"Flight A air-borne," reported the telephone operator to Richardson. "O.K." replied Ralph. "Put B, Flight at readiness."

High in the heavens the Spitfires were flashing towards a death duel. "Cornflower Red calling station control," snapped Bobby into his radio.

"Cornflower Red 80 degrees—20,000 feet a minute—speed 180. . . . replied Richardson.

Again Bobby spoke into his microphone, this time to the pilot in the plane next to him. "O.K. Ted?"

"Right with you, Bob!" replied Ted, chewing more fiercely at his gum.

"O.K. Dopey?" called Bob.

The pilot in the third Spitfire sat gazing into space, his face devoid of all emotion. Those that didn't know Dopey for a sky daredevil with a nerve of iron might have thought that he was falling asleep at his controls. "Hey, Dopey are you O.K.?"

Dopey jerked to sudden realization. "What? Good Lord, yeah . . . O.K. . . . all serene!"

Bobby grinned. He knew his Dopey.

"O.K. Gang—let's go!" yelled Bobby with a whoop of pure excitement.

Nearer came the Nazi bombers. Down below in Fighter Command every movement of the enemy was being noted on the giant action map. At the Fighter Station Richardson steadily stuck at his radio navigating the air-knights above.

"Five bandits six miles southwest," he rapped out to Bobby way up in the skies. The Spitfires circled, never losing speed. "Should be any minute now," muttered Bobby.

Suddenly Bobby's jaw tightened. "Here we are, boys. No. 1 Attack . . . Go!"

TO-MORROW THE BATTLE

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Nazi Shortage Of Petroleum

GERMANY is now building a new type of U-boat which will use oxygen and hydrogen as fuel.

Already the Nazis are using a grade of spirit inferior to that of the Allies for their planes. Now they are extending the use of "eratz" products to the submarine.

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BUENOS AIRES—Captain Hans Langsdorff laid to rest—Commander of the Graf Spee, who took own life, is buried in Argentina.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt delivers his message

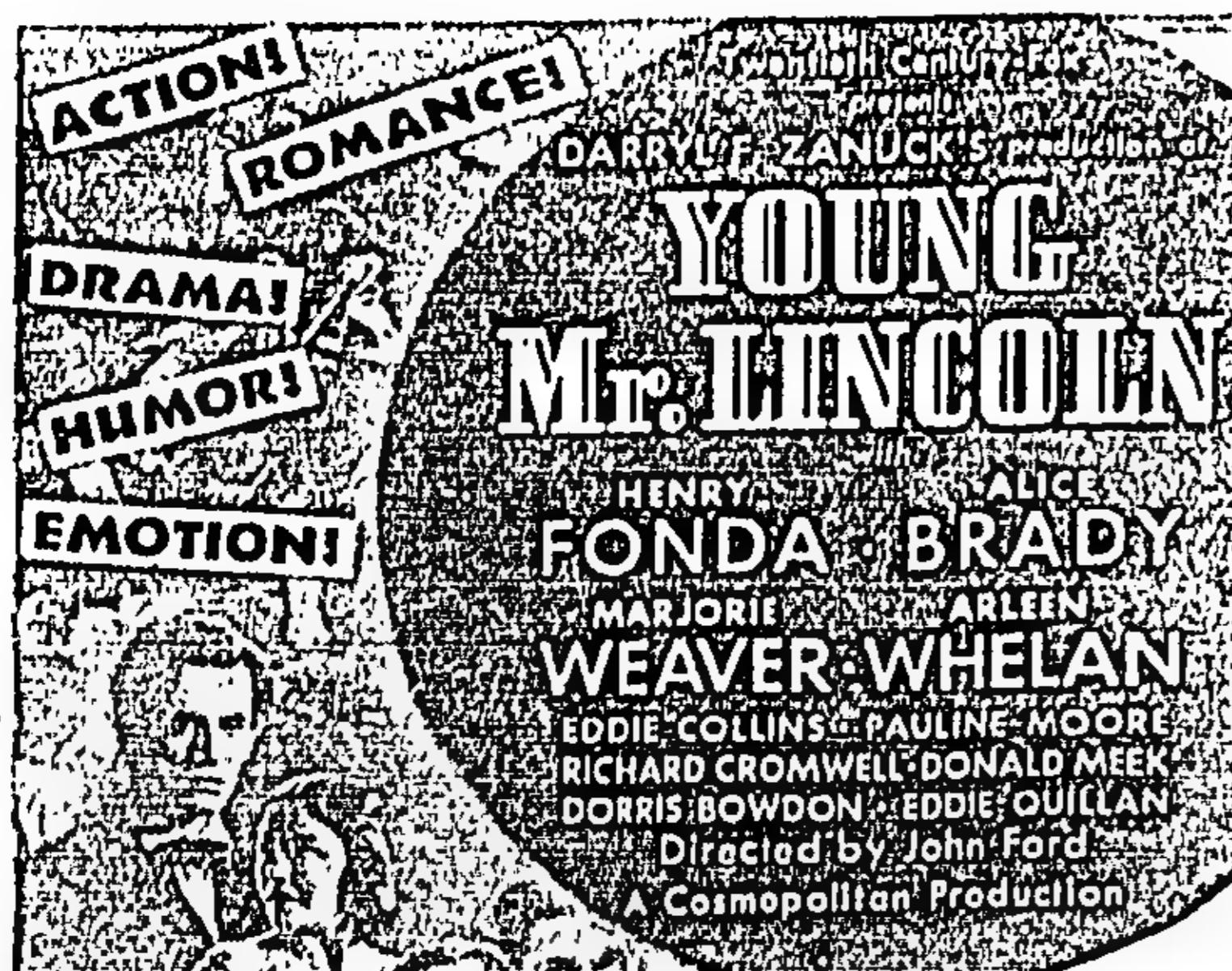
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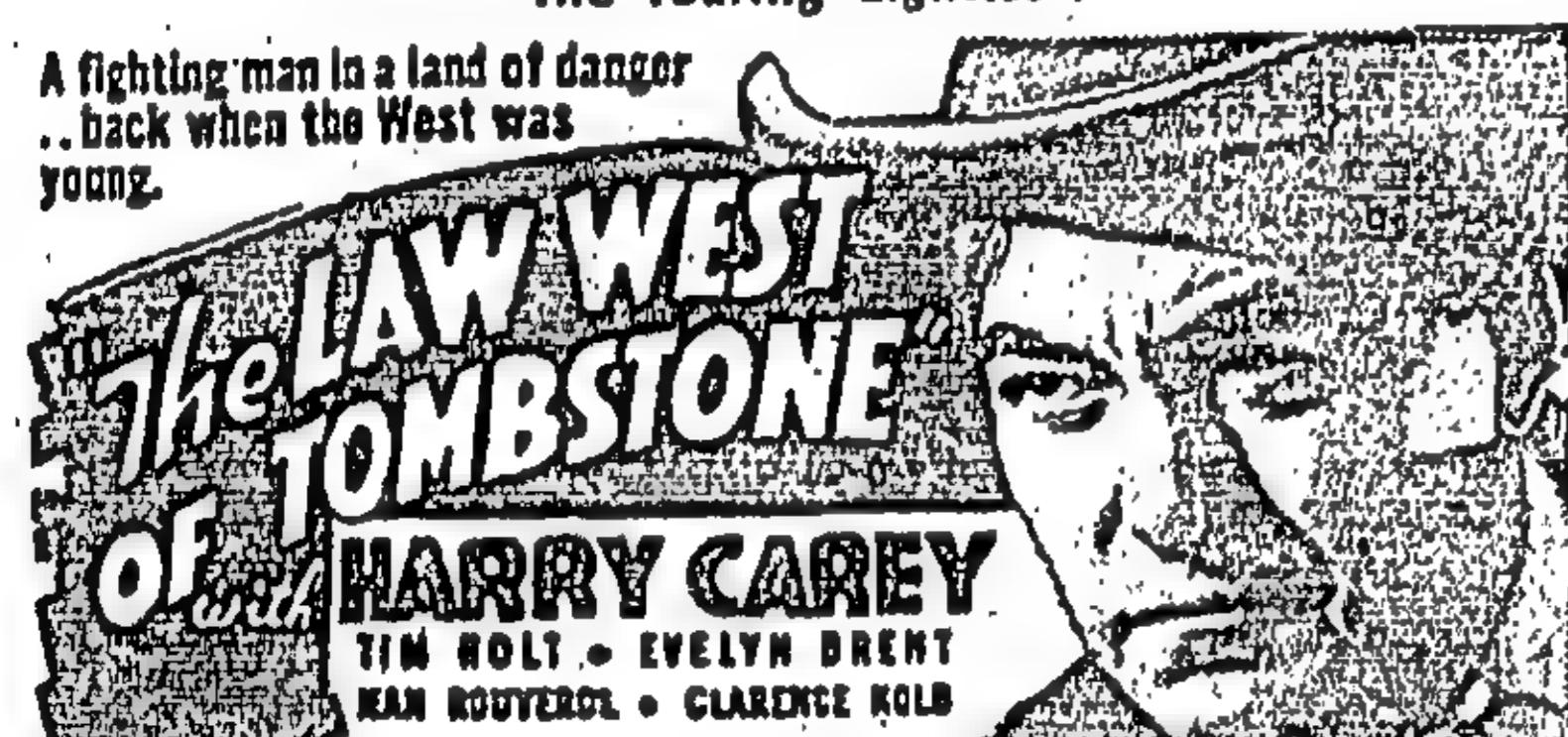
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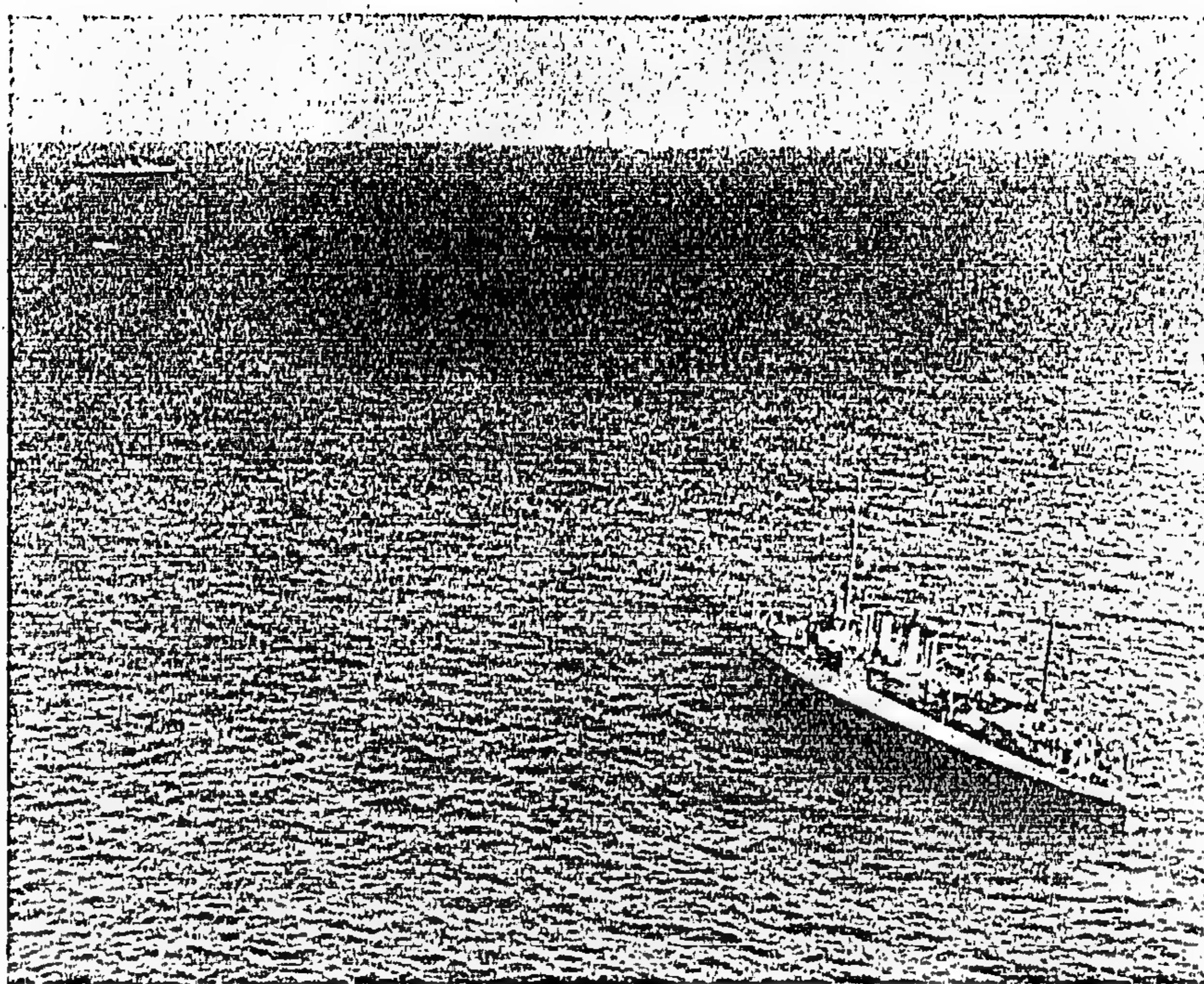
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Son Returns After 15 Years

LONDON.—Mrs. W. Gifford, of Mount Pleasant, Romsey, Hampshire, opened her door to a Canadian soldier.

"Well, don't you know me?" he said.

It took Mrs. Gifford a few seconds to recognise her son. They had not met for 15 years.

The soldier, Sapper William Gifford, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, has an 18-year-old son in the Canadian Air Force.

Stalin Releases Polish Royalty: Italy's Request

WARSAW.—Through intervention of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena of Italy, Prince Janusz Radziwill and 21 other members of the Radziwill family have been released by Soviet Russia and allowed to return to the Polish capital.

The Italian royal family is distantly related to the Radziwills.

When the war broke out, Prince Radziwill was at his estate at Olyka in Wolhynia which he converted into

a hospital and refugee home. Among others, former President Moscicki of Poland sought refuge there.

Prince Radziwill and his family were arrested by the Russians when they seized Eastern Poland and, for a time, rumours circulated that he had been shot.

Most of the women and children were taken to Shepetovka. Among them were a daughter of Prince Radziwill, Christine Potocki, with her children. Her husband, Count Joseph Potocki, was on the Polish Embassy Staff in London for three years.

Prince Radziwill himself was taken to Moscow and other male members of the family were held in other parts of the Soviet Union.

Women members of the family had to live eight in a room, but, on their return to Warsaw, they spoke without bitterness of their experiences.

The venerable Princess, Marie Louise, born Countess Branicka, great granddaughter of Czarina Catherine the Great of Russia, observed, "It is better to read about history than to experience it."

HITLER AND BISMARCK

Goebbels Makes A Comparison

BERLIN, Feb. 14 (Reuter).— "The world will have to understand that the present war is a fundamental conflict between the German social state and British plutocracy," declared Dr. Goebbels in a speech to Nazi propaganda lecturers.

"What Frederick the Great began and Bismarck continued now matures and fulfills."

"National Socialism had to choose between capitulation before Britain and thus abandoning a historic mission, or facing up to London's attack."

Earlier in the speech, Goebbels declared that it was impossible to differentiate between public opinion and the views officially expressed.

A Government could not give assurances of neutrality and at the same time permit any journalistic excess against the German people and leaders.

LATE NEWS

ANOTHER ONE SCUTTLED

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—It is reported that the German cargo-steamer, Wolfshurg, 6,000 tons, has been scuttled off the north coast of Brazil.

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FINNS HOLD OUT

Reds Pierce Lines, But
Finns Regain All
Lost Positions

By EDWARD BEATTIE

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FINNISH ARMIES ON THE KARELIAN Isthmus, FEB. 14 (UP).—WHILE SOBER-EYED CROWDS GATHERED OUTSIDE NEWSPAPER OFFICES IN THE STREETS OF VIBORG, HELSINGFORS AND OTHER CITIES THROUGHOUT FINLAND, ANXIOUSLY SCANNING THE NEWS BULLETINS FOR THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE FRONT, THE GREATEST BATTLE THE WORLD HAS KNOWN SINCE THE GREAT WAR OF 1914-18 BEGAN ITS THIRTEENTH DAY, WITH THE FINNS DESPERATELY HOLDING OUT AGAINST ODDS SO OVERWHELMING THAT THEIR CONTINUED DEFENCE IS SUPERHUMAN IN ENDURANCE, COURAGE AND STUBBORNNESS.

Rumours ran like wild-fire through Helsingfors last night that the Russian hordes had broken through the Finns' outer Mannerheim Line defences at several points.

POSITIONS RECAPTURED

It was confirmed that the Finns had been forced to abandon eighteen machine-gun pill-boxes in face of the terrific Red pressure, in a constant series of bayonet attacks in which the Finnish man-power was outnumbered fifty to one.

But, in the most gallant action it has ever been my privilege to report, the Finns have recaptured nearly all of these posts after vicious hand-to-hand fighting in which they abandoned rifles and bayonets in order to slash down their opponents with their ugly short four-inch knives.

This morning, the Finnish lines are everywhere intact.

NO SLEEP FOR FORTNIGHT

When I visited Finnish G.H.Q. I spoke to officials still confident of the ultimate outcome of the battle.

They are red-eyed through lack of sleep, unshaven and gaunt through thirteen days of relentless vigil.

But they are confident.

"Everywhere," the spokesman assured me, "our men are holding on."

"The Summa front is intact, despite fighting which has been of a greater intensity than anything the world has known since 1918."

Shortly afterwards Field Marshal Mannerheim, Finland's great Commander-in-Chief after whom the Mannerheim Line behind Summa is named, issued his official communiqué, confirming the reports that the Finn lines were intact.

His communiqué claims that the Russian losses before Summa now total 40,000 men.

Two hundred Red tanks have been destroyed. One is a 70-ton land battleship.

MIRACLE OF SUMMA

MARSHAL MANNERHEIM'S COMMUNIQUE REFERS TO THE FINNISH DEFENCE AS "THE MIRACLE OF SUMMA."

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"It is along these ten miles that the brunt of the attack has been borne by the defenders.

"In this sector alone, the Russians have expended half a million shells daily for over a week.

"The world has not witnessed such an intense bombardment since the battle of the Somme and the defence of Verdun."

KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENCY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—

Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, the U.S. Ambassador to Britain, told newspapermen that he would make a statement later as to whether he would permit the use of his name in the Massachusetts Presidential Primary election on May 30.

Nomination papers for delegates to the National Convention who would be pledged to Mr. Kennedy have been taken out by Attorney John McCarthy, according to a Boston telegram.

Mr. McCarthy said that Mr. Kennedy would file the necessary authorization to enter his name before the final date, March 5.

FINN LINE HAMMERED

Reds Army Receives Reinforcements

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Yesterday was the 12th day of the Soviet attack on the Mannerheim Line.

The increased intensity of the attack shows that the Soviets have received reinforcements and are relying on the pressure of tanks, guns and infantry to overwhelm the Finns through exhaustion.

The Soviets claim to have captured 32 defence posts in the Karelian Isthmus. This is denied by the Finns.

In the far north heavy snow has held up operations but Soviet planes have bombed Finnish positions.

To-day's Finnish communiqué states:

"Russian attacks continued during February 12 with undiminished force in the Summa sector."

"At Muolajärvi, Puumus and Taipale, the attacks were driven back and Finnish troops undertook a successful counter-attack.

"At least 23 tanks were put out of action. The fighting continues."

"North of Lake Ladoga, all Russian attacks were driven back and at Pitkäniemi the greater part of an enemy column of 100 vehicles was destroyed."

Aerial Combat

"During February 12, the Finnish air force participated in air combats and in addition carried out reconnaissance flights, besides bombing enemy columns and bases.

"In the war zone, the enemy concentrated air activity on the front line and its immediate vicinity, over the Isthmus, and north of Lake Ladoga.

"Finnish fighters and anti-aircraft artillery shot down four enemy machines, according to confirmed reports, while in addition there are number of unconfirmed cases."

Stab In The Back?

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Professor Tancré Borenius, noted

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WITH THE FINNISH ARMIES ON THE KARELIAN Isthmus, FEB. 13 (UP).—The struggle over the blood-stained snow in front of Summa wore into its twelfth day of constant fighting with Russian men and machines still clinging desperately against the Finnish

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"Sink On Sight" Orders To U-Boat Commanders GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON NEUTRAL SHIPPING

BERLIN, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—As Nazi U-Boats to-day torpedoed another two neutral ships, Dr. Goebbels, Germany's loud-mouthed propaganda chief, announced unrestricted warfare on all ships, irrespective of nationality, using British ports.

"Any ship, irrespective of its nationality, automatically renders itself liable to be sunk without warning if it touches at an Allied port," he declared.

Goebbels warned neutral States that they must maintain neutrality according to the Nazi interpretation.

Attacks by the neutral Press on Germany or German leaders would be interpreted as an unneutral act, he declared.



GOEBBELS

Two Ships Scuttled As Nazi Armada Flees

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 14 (UP).—Approximately fifteen German freighters and passenger liners, their holds crammed with cargoes valued at over £7,500,000, have simultaneously left various neutral ports in a desperate attempt to gain sanctuary in Germany.

They are apparently acting on orders from Berlin.

Before them lies hazardous voyages through a cordon of warships which are blockading Germany from the Russian Arctic in the North to Africa in the south.

Two have already met with disaster and, in obedience to Hitler's order of "scuttle rather than submit to capture", have been sent to the bottom by their crews.

Valuable Cargo

The 3,800-ton Wakama (formerly the Odit) was intercepted by aircraft from H.M.S. Hawkins and was scuttled even before the arrival of the British cruiser. She had aboard 5,800 tons of grain, coffee, leather, lard, minerals and cotton.

The 6,200-ton Hausa freighter Wolfsburg was intercepted a few hours later and was also scuttled. She, too, was loaded to the plimsoll with a valuable cargo of grain, cotton and minerals.

The crew of the Wakama were picked up by H.M.S. Hawkins. The crew of the Wolfsburg have also been saved by a British naval unit.

Both ships were among nine which left South American ports this week in an attempt to run the British blockade.

British naval units, using reconnaissance appliances, are now searching the Atlantic for the remainder.

Hitler's decision to instruct German liners to depart from neutral ports is believed to have been prompted by the rapidly mounting bills Germany is receiving for harbour dues for the 400 German liners scattered throughout the world.

In addition to the nine ships which have left South American ports, five are reported to have made a midnight dash from the Vigo River in Spain.

Wolfsburg Scuttled

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Another of the German ships which left Brazil in an attempt to break the British blockade has been scuttled.

She is the 6,201-ton Hausa and was owned by "Hausa" and registered at Liverpool.

She was intercepted by a British unit which was not at sea and scuttled by her crew.

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—According to the "Evening News", a

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AIR BASES IN ALASKA

American Defences Strengthened

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Two new large aerodromes are to be built in Alaska, strengthening America's defences there.

They will help to make it more impossible for foreign attack, besides providing important data on military aviation in Sub-Arctic climates.

The first base, north of Anchorage, will be 1,000 acres in area and will include hangars, sheds, hospitals, workshops and so on. Money for this has already been set aside.

The other air base will be south of Anchorage and will be 1,400 acres in area.

No appropriation for this has yet been made.

GERMAN ESPIONAGE

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—A prominent German resident in Mexico has been arrested for alleged espionage.

He was detained when found photographing a Swedish tinker.

Graf Spee Crew In Brawls

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Following incidents between members of the crew of the scuttled Admiral Graf Spee on the one hand and British and American residents on the other, the Argentine authorities have decided to distribute the German internees over various regions and set them to work.

Hitherto the German sailors have been allowed to move about freely in their uniforms.

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Further Late News

SPITFIRES CHASE OFF RAIDER OVER THAMES

LONDON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that three Air Force fighters dived 14,000 feet in pursuit of a Heinkel raider off the mouth of the Thames Estuary last evening.

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 7th Feb.

Feb. 14.

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 3rd February Feb. 15.

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Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 8th Dec., 1939) Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

Manila Feb. 15.

Straits and Japan (San Francisco, date 20th January) Feb. 15.

Feb. 15.

Australia and Manila Feb. 16.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th February Feb. 16.

Feb. 16.

Shanghai Feb. 16.

Hainan Feb. 17.

Saigon Feb. 17.

Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 17.

Feb. 17.

Shanghai, Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 26th January) Feb. 17.

Feb. 17.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th February Feb. 18.

Feb. 18.

Canton Feb. 18.

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Feb. 18.

Japan Feb. 19.

Hainan Feb. 19.

Shanghai Feb. 19.

Feb. 19.

Straits and Manila Feb. 20.

Feb. 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air-France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 22nd Feb.

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Reg. Feb. 14, 5 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 15, 3.30 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th March.

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Friday, Feb. 16

Amoy 8.30 a.m.

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Japan 9.30 a.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 26th February.

K.P.O.

Parcels Feb. 16, 4 p.m.

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G.P.O.

Parcels Feb. 16, 4 p.m.

Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 23rd February.

K.P.O.

Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels Feb. 16, 4 p.m.

Reg. Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 16, 7.30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and Japan 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 25th Feb.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 15th February, 1940, at 11.00 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 3rd, February to Thursday, 15th, February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.

The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.

The Inspector, B2, Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd floor.

The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expense borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

**Minorities Suffering
Nazi Cruelty Is Exposed**

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Further evidence of the way minorities are suffering under the Nazi heel is provided by an article in the "New York Times".

So much food has been taken from Bohemia and Moravia, it says, that there is now not enough wheat and rye remaining to provide food for the population. Stark hunger is their prospect.

Farmers are selling live-stock because there is no food to feed them.

Nevertheless, the Prague Cabinet has been ordered to provide 100,000 hogs for the spring although there is no food to feed them.

The production of butter and fats is only 12 per cent. of the normal.

Nevertheless, margarine factories must continue to ship definite amounts, all carefully wrapped in Russian paper, to bolster up the courage of the German consumer.

President Signs Defence Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt to-day signed a Bill appropriating \$252,000,000 (about \$63,000,000) for national defence and enforcement of the United States' neutrality policy.

The money becomes immediately available for expenditure before the end of June next.

STOCK EXCHANGE MORE QUIET

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quieter, but more ralis encountering profit-taking.

Industrials were irregular.

Gilt-edged securities occasionally improved. Kaffirs were weak on small Cape sales.

Wall Street was irregularly higher.

MANY INFANT DEATHS IN HONGKONG DUE TO MALNUTRITION, SAYS REPORT

ALTHOUGH food prices are comparatively low in Hongkong as compared with those prevailing in many other parts of the world, the average daily earnings of members of the labouring class are also low and rentals high for the standard of accommodation usually provided.

This reference to the Colony is made in a report on nutrition in the Colonial Empire issued by the Economic Advisory Council Committee on Nutrition.

DIGGERS WELCOMED

Frenzied Cheers For Anzac Contingents

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Feb. 13 (UPI).—The frenzied cheers which greeted the arrival of the Anzacs in Egypt echoed throughout Britain to-day. The Australian New Zealand gesture is accepted as a new fillip to the British Empire's united war endeavour.

Already accustomed to the joyful Canadian troops, Britain as a whole has heartily endorsed Capt. Anthony Eden's message to "the boys from Down Under" that "by your action in crossing the seas you have sent the bravest message a nation's power can give.

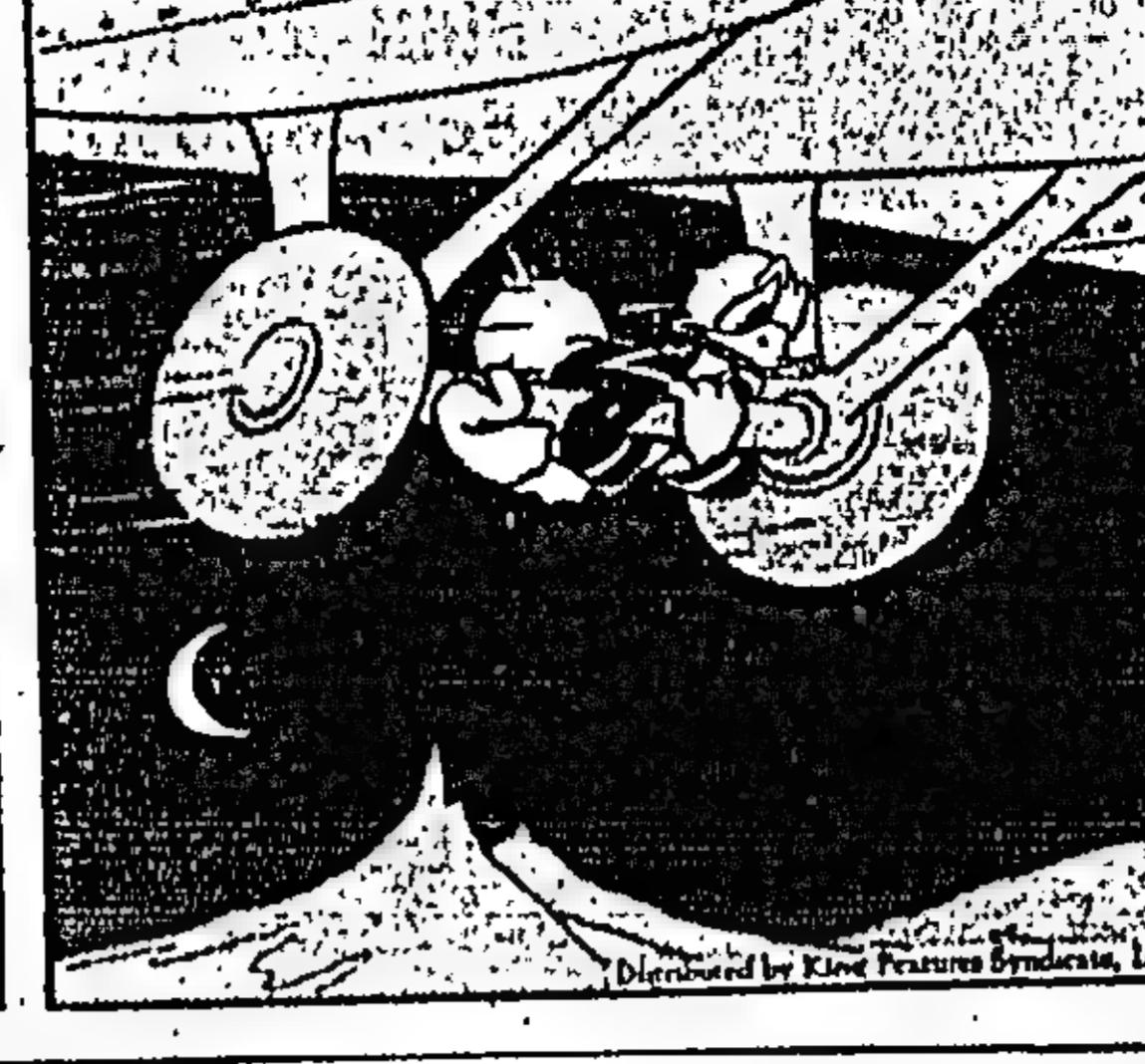
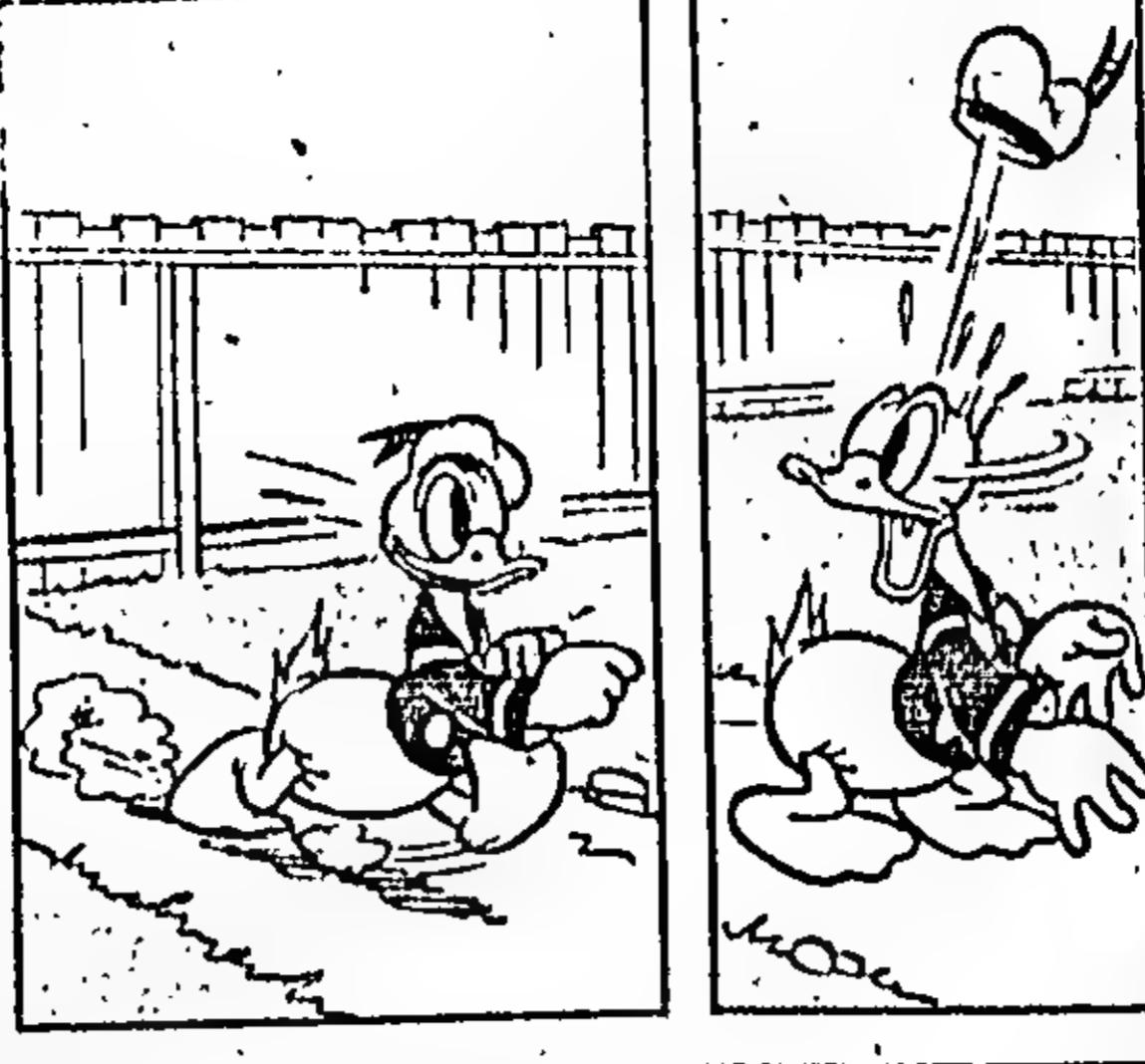
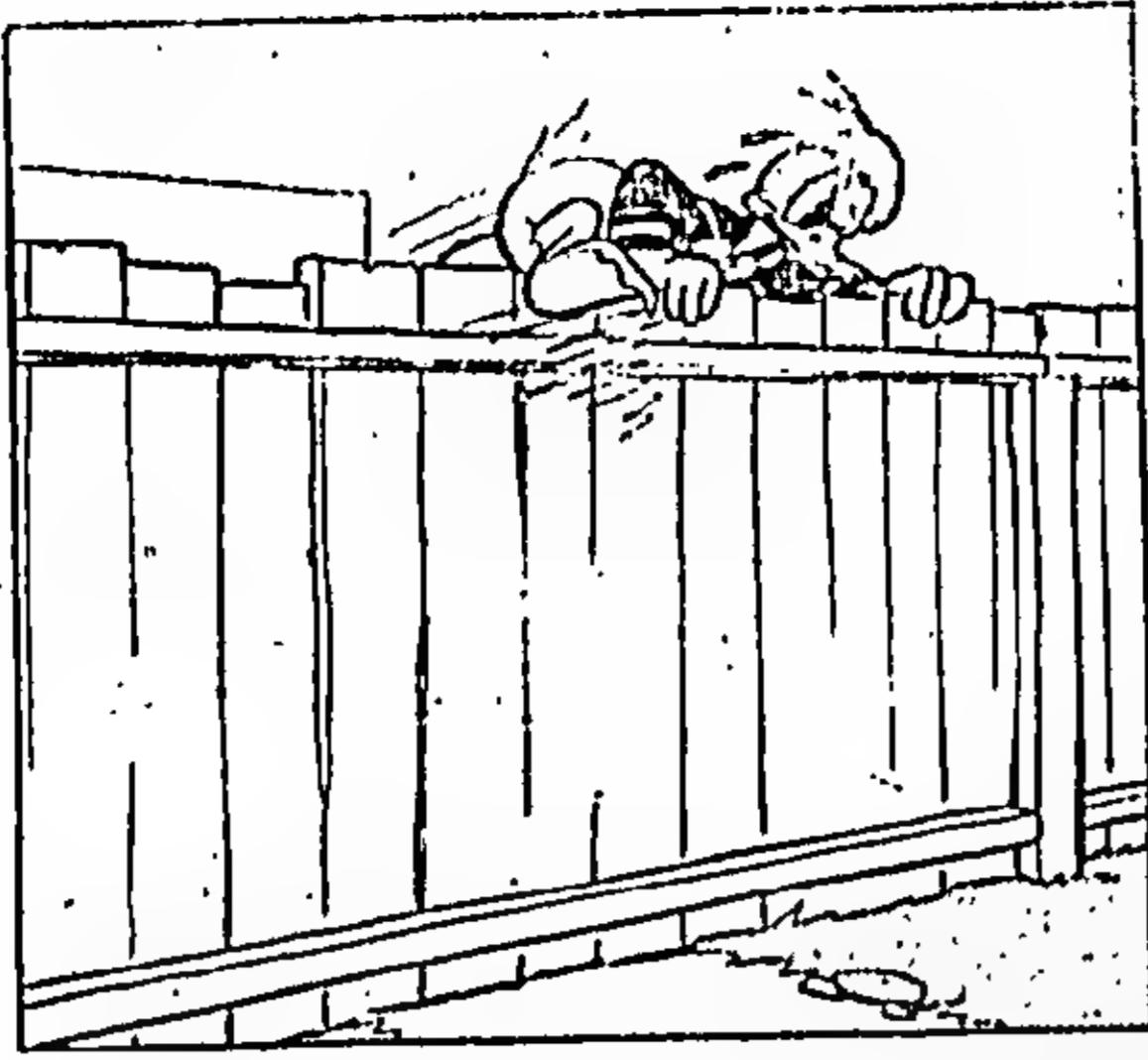
There is little doubt that a proportion of the large number of cases and deaths in infants from enteritis is attributed to faulty feeding and malnutrition in some form or other.

Grounds For Research

Observations carried out on women at the Tuan Yuk Maternity Hospital by Dr. W. C. W. Nixon, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Hongkong in 1936-37, lent further support to the belief that malnutrition and signs of deficiency of vitamin B were present in a proportion of the women cared for.

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DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

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WHY THE DUTCH MOBILISED

Nazi Plans Fell Into Hands

LIEGE.

I am now able to tell the remarkable story of how the Belgian and Dutch Governments came into possession of Nazi plans which led them to take special defence measures.

A German officer's haste to rejoin his newly-married wife was the prime cause in a chain of events which resulted in the plans falling into Belgian hands.

A German plane made a forced landing at Mechelen-sur-Meuse, on the Belgian frontier near here. Two officers were in the machine.

One of them belonged to the group of airmen which has its headquarters at Cologne. He was the officer who carried the vitally important documents.

Told To Go By Train

I learn that he had been ordered to convey these documents, which were very bulky, from Berlin to Cologne. So that no risks should be taken, the officer had been told to travel by train. The High Command in Berlin had, in fact, provided him with a first-class railway pass.

It happened that the officer had only recently been married. His wife was living in Cologne. The train journey would have taken so long that he would not have been able to see her the same evening.

He heard that one of his friends, an airmen, was just on the point of leaving Tempelhof for Cologne, and the staff officer decided to take this chance of reaching his wife so much more speedily.

As the result of a big navigational error, the pilot crossed the Rhine far to the north of Cologne and found himself over the Dutch border.

He was consequently turned south, and a few minutes later had to make a forced landing in a meadow at Mechelen-sur-Meuse.

Borrowed Matches

The first thing the staff officer did was to ask a peasant for some matches. With these he tried to set fire to his documents.

Belgian soldiers hastened to the plane, however, and forcibly prevented the officer from destroying the papers.

The two Germans were taken to the nearest military post for questioning. During the interview the Nazi Staff officer succeeded in snatching the documents and throwing them into the fire. A Belgian officer was able, however, to recover them before they caught fire.

There could thus be no doubt that these papers were of exceptional importance. According to my information, they related to the transfer to the left bank of the Rhine of 22 newly-formed divisions.

Facts Confirmed

This movement was in course of being carried out. Some of these divisions were to go to the Dutch frontier, but the great majority were destined for the Belgian frontier.

The Belgian Intelligence Service was speedily able to confirm that these troop movements were in fact taking place.

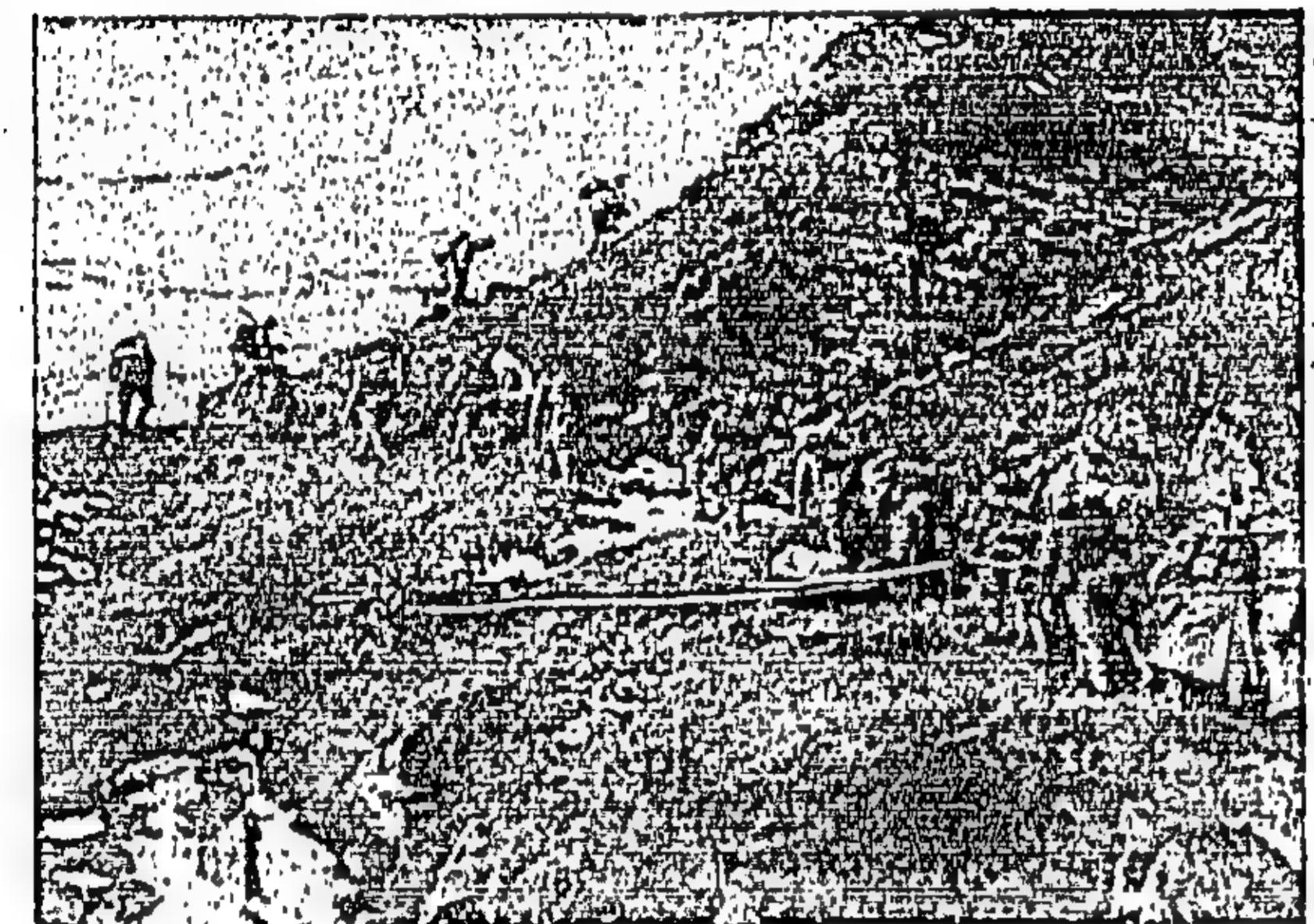
At the same time news was received of the arrival in the Aachen area of the Belgo-German frontier of two Army corps, each consisting of three divisions.

While the movement of troops in the sense indicated by the captured plans was thus clearly taking place, it was not possible to be sure whether these movements were to be regarded as a concentration or were merely designed to relieve units already in the area.

At the same time, there was nothing in the papers taken from the German officer at Mechelen which made it possible to place any certainty on this interpretation of the troop movements.

The one fact which is certain is that at the present moment there are between 75 and 80 divisions on the frontiers of Holland and Belgium, for no movement of troops from the Rhineland back into the interior of Germany has yet taken place.

Of the total concentration, 27 divisions are believed to be eastward of the Belgian frontier.



THIS PHOTOGRAPH epitomises the difficulties encountered by Japan in her war with China. It shows Japanese soldiers toiling upwards on a snow-clad battlefield in the north. —Domei.

JAPAN'S DEATH WIRE CLAIMS FIRST VICTIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Feb. 13 (UP).—A Chinese named Liu Lao-kun, aged 31, was electrocuted on the Japanese barbed wire barricades at 5 a.m. to-day.

Liu and his cousin were living in a refugee camp in the British area. Yesterday he made enquiries regarding vegetable prices outside the barracks, apparently intending to smuggle some into the camp.

He was crawling under the electrified wire when a Japanese sentry saw him and made a rush towards him.

Liu, although aware of the electrification, tried to escape under the wire. He almost succeeded but must have touched the wire, because he fell dead into the British area. His body was discovered by his cousin.

The restrictions for Chinese have now been tightened.

Following a conference to-day, newspaper correspondents noticed hundreds of Chinese waiting to pass the barriers. The Japanese sentries were slapping and ill-treating the men in contradiction to the professed desire of the Japanese to gain the goodwill of the Chinese.

Japanese Ace Shot Down

Aerial Battle Over Yunnan Province

KUNMING, Feb. 13 (UP).—The leader of a Japanese air squadron carrying out a raid over Yunnan to-day was shot down by Chinese pursuit machines, according to a Chinese Air Defence announcement.

The wreckage of the Japanese plane was found near Lotus Lake, five miles south of Wenshan, which is 30 miles east of the French railway and 30 miles inside the Yunnan border.

It has been definitely ascertained that the plane was the Japanese squadron leader. All the occupants were killed.

According to the Air Defence authorities here, the Governor of Yunnan has presented each Chinese airman who participated in the fight with six sets of aviation clothes, while the provincial government has awarded those responsible for bringing down the Japanese plane 3,000 yuan each.

British Welcome For Welles

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Neville Chamberlain, referring to the forthcoming visit of Mr. Sumner Welles to Europe, said that the British Government for their part could be ready to welcome President Roosevelt's representative and take him fully into their confidence with the object of assisting the President to form an estimate of the present situation.

Of the total concentration, 27 divisions are believed to be eastward of the Belgian frontier.

TOUGH CLIMB AHEAD OF THEM

Speeding Up Productions

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Proposals for an intensified effort in the engineering industry to speed up the production of armaments was handed to-night to representatives of the 34 Unions in consultation with the Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions by Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister for Labour.

A conference between Mr. Ernest Brown and representatives of the Union lasted 2½ hours and when the proposals have been considered a further conference will be held.

Toy-Pistol Used In Alleged Hold-Up

Alleged to have held up Yu Mabing with a toy pistol and robbed him of \$2 in Wanhai yesterday, two unemployed quilt-makers, Lai Shing, 25, and Li Fai, 22, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistrate this morning.

They were remanded until Saturday.

Kennedy Tells Of Position In Europe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy arrived here to-day by aeroplane from Florida for important conferences with Government officials on the international situation.

It is reported that he will confer with Mr. Sumner Welles and Mr. William C. Bullitt, the U.S. Ambassador in Paris.

Swedes Arrested For Espionage

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—Three prominent Swedish businessmen have been arrested for espionage. They have confessed, say the Swedish Police.

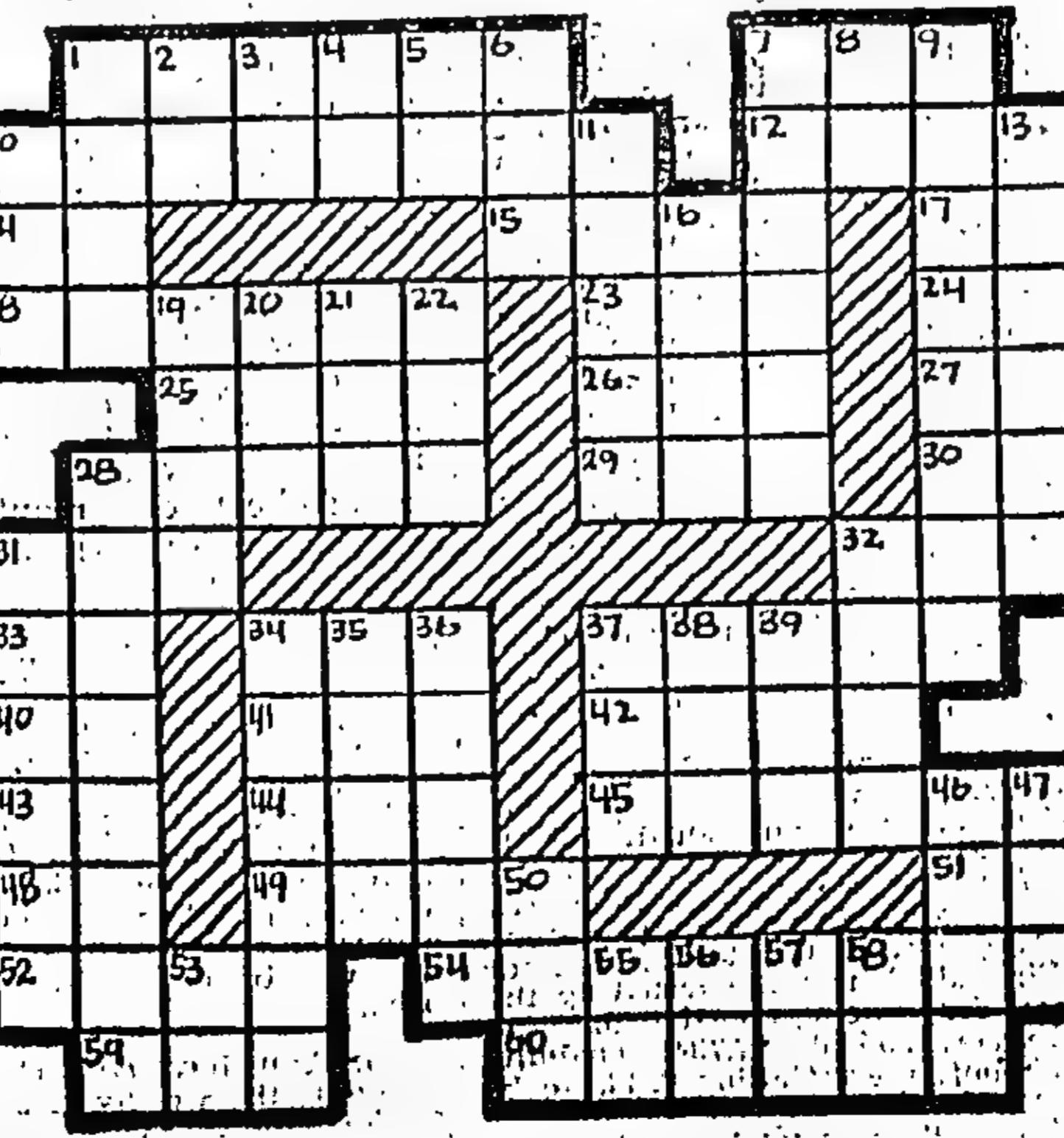
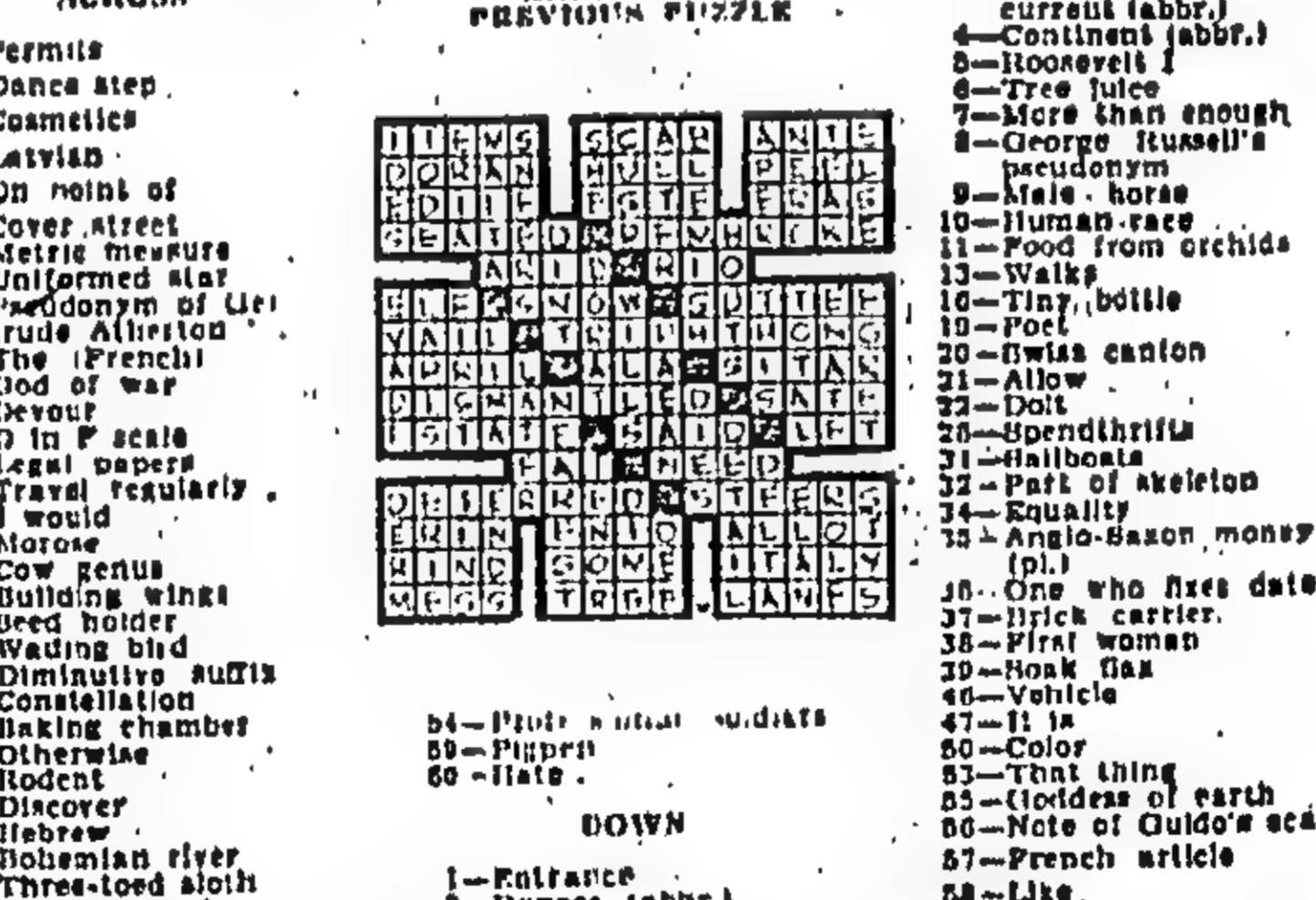
They are said to have given information to an unnamed foreign power about the movements of ships.

One of the three is a native of England who is employed by a German-concern-in-Sweden, another is the Swedish employee of a British soap company and the third is a ship-broker handling iron ore.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

BY LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



SIR JOHN SIMON IS SATISFIED

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—As the result of the announcement on January 17 of a new loan by way of the conversion of the existing £350,000,000 four and a half per cent. loan, actual applications for conversion amounted to £230,000,000 and for repayment £90,000,000.

In making this announcement in the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that thus the total proportion converted exceeded two-thirds of the whole.

Sir John added that he regarded the results as satisfactory.

The offer of January 17 was to repay on July 1 in cash or, if holders preferred, to give them an option in a new conversion loan at par.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: To-day's recordings on the Board were not so extensive as those of yesterday, but enquiries have by no means been entirely satisfied. S. rip remains scarce.

Buyers

H.K. Bank	C.D. \$1,400
Docks	\$22.35
Providents	\$4.65
Hoteis	\$5.65
Lands	\$36
Tramways	\$18 1/4
Yau Ma Tei Ferry	\$24 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$7 1/2
China Lights (New)	\$4.65
Electrics	\$57 3/4
Telephone (Old)	\$25.40
Cements	\$10.10
Ropes	\$5.70
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$21.80
Dairy Farms (New)	\$21
Watsons	\$9.40
Entertainments	\$7
Sellers	\$4.60
Docks ex. div.	\$22 1/2
Providents	\$4.80
Watsons	\$9.60
Sellers	\$4.60
H.K. Bank (Lon Reg)	\$1,370
Wharves	\$102
Providents	\$4.65
Hoteis	\$55 1/2
Lands	\$30/30 1/2
Tramways	\$18.40
Electrics	\$57 1/2
Telephone (New)	\$9 1/2
Cements	\$19.20
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$22
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	\$22



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8326—Tangoland.

8387—Sandy joins the Nudists
9088—We'll meet again
9089—I'm sending a letter to Santa Claus
9090—Ridin' home
9091—A Mother's prayer at twilight
9093—How ashamed I was
9094—How grand it is to be in the Navy
9095—I'll remember
9096—Till the lights of London
9097—Lonely sweetheart
9098—Moon love
9099—Serendibers
9010—An apple for the teacher
9011—A man and his dream
9012—Wings over the Navy

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DEATHS

HODGSON.—Died at War Memorial Nursing Home, Hongkong, on February 14, 1940. Paul Mary Hodgson, aged 60 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 o'clock to-day. No flowers by request.

MAHER.—At the Queen Mary Hospital on February 13, Martin Junius Burros Maher (Jany), at the age of 73. The cortège will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day, starting from Anderson's Funeral Parlour. No flowers by request. Macao and Shanghai papers please copy.

**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

Wednesday, February 14, 1940.
Wyndham St., Hongkong
Telephone: 26616.

THE prefix "Special to the Telegraph" is used by the Hongkong Telegraph to indicate news which is transmitted under the provisions of the Telecommunications Ordinance, 1930. Such news as is received in Hongkong on the date of publication by the United Press Association, when such news is right and/or in part without previous arrangement.

Hongkong And Finland

ELEVEN weeks of war against surging hordes, armed with all the aircraft and tanks and artillery that the energies of the continental mass of Russia can produce, and Finland still unconquered and resolute. From the brows of the giant her head is "bloody but unbowed." Military critics, even the friendliest, thought the Finnish resistance could be no more than a gallant gesture soon overwhelmed. The army of the Finns numbers less than 500,000 men, and Stalin counts his hosts by millions. But despite bombing of her towns, despite attacks from many points supported by heavy gun-fire and squadron after squadron of tanks and inexhaustible waves of infantry, no deadly wound has yet been given to the Finnish defence. The valiant resistance offered to the latest massed onslaught makes most heartening reading. The Finns still maintain themselves against the central threat to divide their country across its narrowest point at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, and the Mannerheim Line across the Karelian Isthmus defies the massed artillery and the squandered legions of Stalin. But civilisation must ask itself how long human fortitude can struggle against such monstrous odds?

Finland is civilisation's outpost against barbarism. If her freedom and the noble way of life which she has won go down before the Robot tyranny of Soviet Russia, all Scandinavia will be threatened by a like slavery. The League of Nations has already asked its members severally in what manner they intend to assist Finland in defeating an outrage which they condemned and for which the aggressor was expelled. From the South American States, which were the prime movers in this decision, Finland can only obtain financial support or, in time, foodstuffs. On behalf of the British Empire the promise has already been given that the Finns will receive from British factories aircraft and other material, and Britain is acting in close concert with the French. She is the champion of them all in a desperate fight, and some of the European neutral nations have great material interest in her cause. Those across the seas owe it the support of like ideals.

We in Hongkong, although far away from the scene of Russian barbarism, can do our small bit to help Finland's resistance. It is gratifying to note that, despite the many calls on our pockets, Hongkong has responded readily to the "Friends of Finland" fund inaugurated by the Consul for Finland, and that the total yesterday stood at \$7,734, enabling two remittances totalling £400 to be sent to Finland.

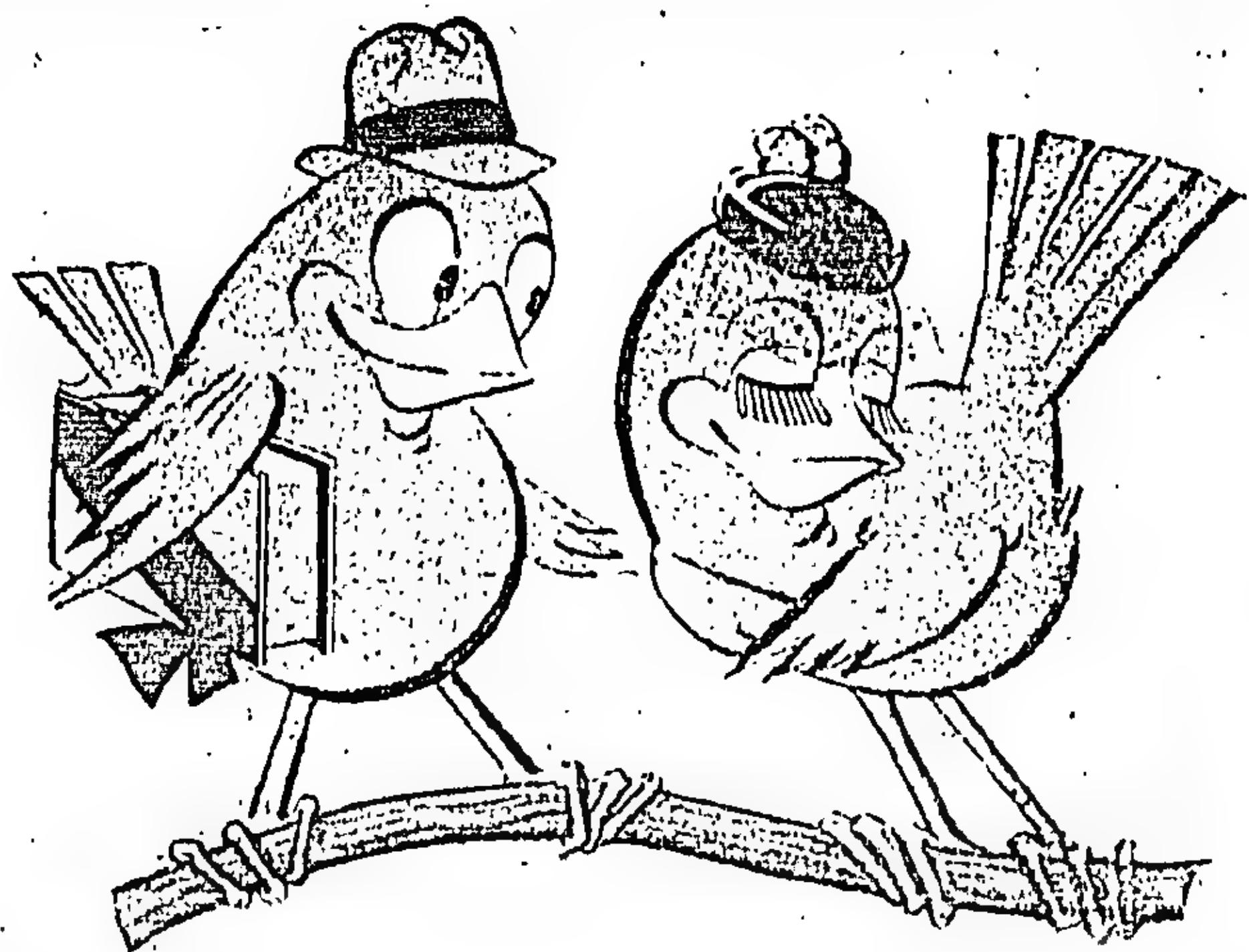
It is well said that Finland's cause

is the cause of the whole civilised world and, however small Hongkong's response as compared with the aid the great Powers can give, it is the unity of the world opposed to barbaric aggression that really counts. At the same time Hongkong's £400, when multiplied by similar donations from other parts of the world aiding in like manner, may easily be the last straw that will break the Russian camel's back.

The Finns have done miracles and in aiding the worthy cause launched by the Finnish Consul in Hongkong, we are aiding them to continue.

HAPPY days again

(after to-day)



According to country folk to-day is the day when the birds of the air choose their mates.

wooden clapper when he sings:
Eat birds, eat, and make no waste,
I lie here and make no haste;
If my master chance to come—
You must fly and I must run.

And the lonely goose-girl on the green common, silver with pussy-willows and yellow with gorse, what plaint does she carol?

I am a pretty wench,
And I came a great way hence
And sweethearts I can get none;
But every glossy crow
Can get sweethearts now,
But I, pretty wench, can't get one.

It was the same little maiden perhaps who, as she sat combing her hazel locks against the mossy root of the old ash tree, well sheltered from the wind made up the following verse:

Gray goose and gander
Waft your wings together
And carry my mother's daughter

Over the one strand river.

And in the cities the same happy unrest is felt. The clouds that float above the steeples and the chimney pots of our town seem to tempt us to a freer life.

There are rumours in the air and as we return home from work we know that at every street corner we may meet in the daffodil twilight the one we have searched for all our life long!

Up street and down street
Each window is made of glass
And if you go to the further house

You'll find a pretty lass.

With the passing of Saint Valentine's Day the softer months of the year are before us. Even the month of March need not affright us blow as he may his donkey's horn.

BEFORE us are all the happy Saturday afternoons of the summer, Sunday PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

G.O.C. the Canadians won't waste his soldiers

by
**WILLIAM
BARKLEY**

"I'm a soldier, not a scholar." He said the words with a laugh. He had been speaking of the health of the Canadian troops on their voyage to Britain. Among them all there were two cases of pneumonia, but said the general, "they yielded to sulphonamide treatment."

A word which would twist most tongues came tripping off his. It was when some one said "Spoil it" that Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, commanding the Canadian Active Service Force, grinned and said he was not a scholar.

In truth he is both scientist and soldier. In himself he admirably represents that quality of adapted intelligence which he is building into his Canadian division. His belief is that a modern army unit-mechanised, expert and technical-can be built in short time from civilians if the civilians are technical experts already, and particularly if they are Canadians.

"That is where we score as a pioneer country," he told me. "We are accustomed to fighting the rigours of nature. We don't need to create technical experience. We have a wealth of it which merely requires adaption."

Andrew or "Andy" McNaughton—"I'm of Scottish ancestry"—is in himself part of that Canadian wealth of adaptable experience. He has slipped into khaki as lightly as he slipped it off in 1919. In the last war, as in this, he was one of the first Canadian contingents, landing in France in February 1918 as major of artillery, in which he had done militia service since his undergraduate days of 1909. He ended the war in command of the Canadian Heavy Artillery.

Between wars he has applied his scientific brain to the military art until four years ago his Government put him at the head of the Canadian National Research Council. He is himself the inventor of a cathode-ray direction-finder. Precision instruments of aircraft, meteorological equipment, metallurgical research—such have been the interests of Canada's Commander. But all the time he was applying his laboratory experience to mechanical warfare.

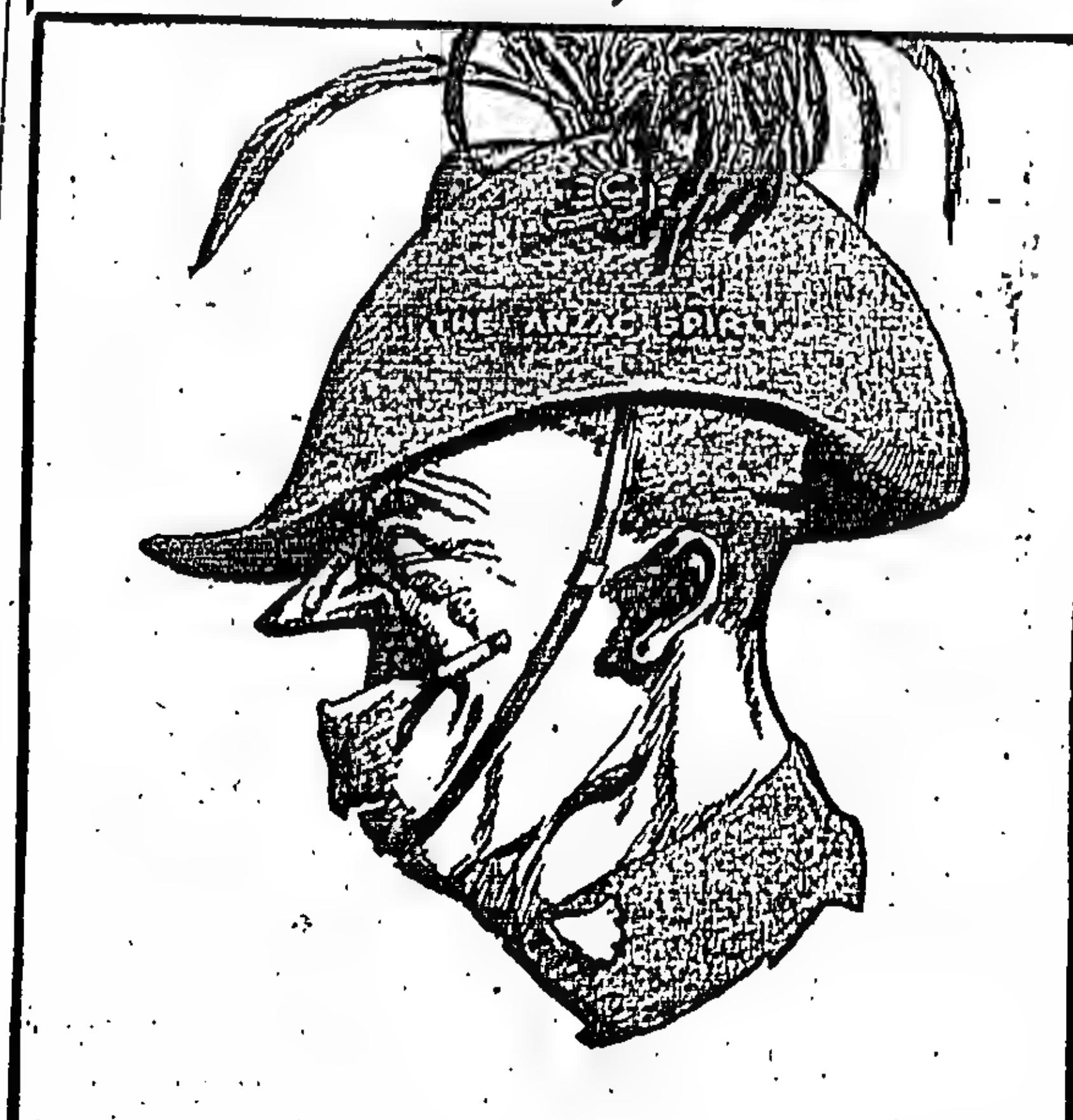
Just on the outbreak of war he came to London with the War Mission of Canadian manufacturers and returned to spread his enthusiasm for the newest guns which he had inspected here. Once again he has left the laboratory and slipped back into khaki, the embodiment of the skilled technician who, sized up to his idea of the modern soldier.

At fifty-two, he is slim, lean-featured and alert as a blackbird. His black moustache is greying, but there are bushy black eye-brows over the sombre brown eyes which concentrate the frankest and most comprehending gaze as he speaks to one. His manner is natural, quite unstudied and all the more impressive for that. He is grim and serious. "This is not a glorious adventure that we are engaged in," he said. "That is not the spirit of my men. We regard it as an unpleasant job; that has got to be done and done as quickly as possible so that we can get back to our civil occupations."

War as he wages it is not going to be any affair of wasting men on gallant but hopeless exploits. "Machines and intelligence are the things to win the war with," he says, "not young lives."

His task now is to extract the last ounce of benefit from our own Army's experience and to equip his own—marvellous—manpower with every device that can render them formidable as a scientific fighting force.

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The second Australian Expeditionary Force has arrived in Egypt.—Armstrong in the Melbourne "Argus".

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Chinese Spokesman Describes:

Rout Of Japanese In South Kwangsi Front

Details of the new Japanese debacle in South Kwangsi are supplied by "Central News" in a report from Liuchow which, besides confirming the recapture of Pingyang, claims that over 5,000 Japanese troops were slain in the fighting on this front.

A Chinese military spokesman, reviewing the fighting near Pingyang, said that the Japanese mobilized about 100,000 men for this second drive in South Kwangsi following their defeat at Kulunkwan, the strategic pass on the Nanning-Pingyang highway, last December.

The right column pushed toward Pingyang by a roundabout route via Wingshun, reaching as far as Shanglin, 10 miles north-west of Pingyang, while the left column forced its way to the southern suburbs of Wuning by the Nanning-Wuning highway.

Column Cut

In accordance with preconceived plans, crack Chinese troops were sent to attack the rear and left flank of the Japanese column advancing up to Pingyang. The Japanese column was cut into several groups, and the lengthening Japanese communication line was cut at several points.

First, Wingshun and Shekow, respectively east and west of Nanning, were recovered. Following five more days of fighting, Kula, Kantong, Naho and Takiok, points around Pingyang, were then regained.

On the Nanning-Wuning highway, the spokesman went on, were driven back to Shuangkiao, south of Wuning, where they were surrounded.

As a result of a general Chinese counter-offensive launched on February 9, the Japanese forces at Pingyang, Shanglin and south of Wuning were routed. The road between Shanglin and Pingyang was strewn with Japanese dead and dying.

Pingyang was recaptured on February 11.

Japanese reinforcements, according to this spokesman, were called up at Suling, but they were subjected to encircling attacks by Chinese forces. The Japanese are now stated to be withdrawing towards Nanning.

Northern Front

Altogether four Japanese transports have been damaged between Fanchung and Tungliu by Chinese shelling during the last few days, says a message from Anhwei. Yesterday, another transport was shelled by Chinese land batteries while she was steaming up the Yangtze River. She was damaged in the stern.

In recent fighting in Hupeh, over 1,000 Japanese were slain, the Chinese claim. The surviving Japanese on this front are now in full retreat towards Kiangnan and Yingcheng.

More Chinese Claims

Altogether 8,000 Japanese officers and men were killed in 180 engagements with the Chinese on Hainan Island from February 10 last year to January 31 this year, according to a Chinese estimate. During this period, three Japanese planes were brought down by Chinese anti-aircraft fire, while—two tanks, three motor boats, over 20 arm lorries and several field guns were destroyed.

Jury Locked Up For Tiffin

Retiring at 12.30 p.m., the Jury in the murder trial heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions to-day intimated before 1 p.m. that it would take some time before they arrived at their verdict, and as a consequence Court was adjourned to 2.30 p.m., the Jury remaining closed.

The case involved Lau Tin-yeung and Lau Tau who were accused of strangling a 63-year-old widow, Lam Po, at Ap Man Liu village, Salkung district, on the night of November 5. The first was represented by Mr. Ingles Hosang, instructed by Mr. A. E. Arculli, and the second by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.

Attempted To Bribe Constable

"Offering a bribe to a constable is a very serious offence indeed," said Mr. Hinsworth, at Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he sentenced in Kam 49, cools, to a fine of \$10 or one month on the charge of dumping night soil, and a further two months' hard labour for offering a bribe to the constable.

At 2.30 a.m. this morning, a constable on patrol in Mataukok Road saw defendant with two buckets of nightsoil in a field. On seeing the constable, defendant ran away, but was chased and arrested. The bribe of a dollar was offered to the constable on the way to the Police station.

Constable Faces Serious Charge

Alleged to have indecently assaulted a woman at the King's Park Refugee Camp on February 7, a Constable, P.C.C. 740 Yuen Kau, appeared before Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning. He was formally remanded for one week.

Det-Sgt. Fraser said there would be further charges against defendant.

Germans Fire At Dutchman

He Wanted To Read The Meters

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14, (Reuter).—The Dutch authorities are investigating an incident on the German frontier in which an employee of a Dutch electricity firm is alleged to have been shot at by Germans.

It appears that when he came to read the meters of a few houses on the German side of the frontier which were served by the Dutch electricity company, he was not allowed to cross into the German frontier and he shouted to the house-owners to come and show him their cards.

Fire was opened at him from the German side of the frontier. He put up his hands and waited until some Germans, carrying revolvers, came across the border and questioned him.

He was able to satisfy them, but the women to whom he had been talking in connection with the meter-reading were arrested and taken off to the town of Vreden.

GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON NEUTRAL SHIPPING

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been increased by the torpedeing of the liner *Burgendijk*.

Yesterday Holland learned from Berlin that the torpedeing of the ship was "a legal act."

Bound For Holland

Actually, however, Amsterdam messages say that the ship was bound from New York to Holland with a cargo nine-tenths of which was for the Netherlands Government and the remainder for Dutch importers.

There was nothing to show that she was proceeding to any belligerent port.

Norway, which has lost more shipping, thanks to the Nazis, than any other neutral country, has lost another vessel.

The *Snedstad* was sunk by a mine or torpedo on Sunday while on her way from Norway to New York in ballast. All her crew were saved.

Contraband Claim

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13, (Reuter).—Neutral inquirers were told in Berlin to-day that the *Burgendijk* was presumably sunk because she had contraband on board.

So far apparently no report has been received from the captain of the ship, but Nazi circles declare that contraband would be the only reason that could make him torpedo a neutral vessel.

The Parliamentary correspondent of the "Telegraaf" writes: "Our people feel nothing but disgust and indignation at such piracy and the Government knows in advance that it has the whole nation behind it if it makes clear at the proper time and place and with proper emphasis that Holland does not wish to be threatened with want and hunger through the illegal and unreasonable action of one of the parties in the war."

Netherlands Protest

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13, (Reuter).—It is understood that the Government will shortly protest in Berlin at the torpedeing of the Dutch freighter *Arendskerk*.

A most serious view is taken in official quarters regarding reports of the torpedeing of the *Burgendijk* which have been received up to now. It is considered that if the reports are verified the sinking of the *Burgendijk* was the most flagrant violation of the rights of neutral shipping yet committed.

A very strong protest is expected.

Swedish Ship Lost

LONDON, Feb. 14, (Reuter).—The Swedish steamer *Dalaro*, 3,027 tons, sank in the Atlantic early yesterday.

The crew of 26 were rescued by a Belgian trawler which made for an Irish port.

The Captain died soon after the rescue.

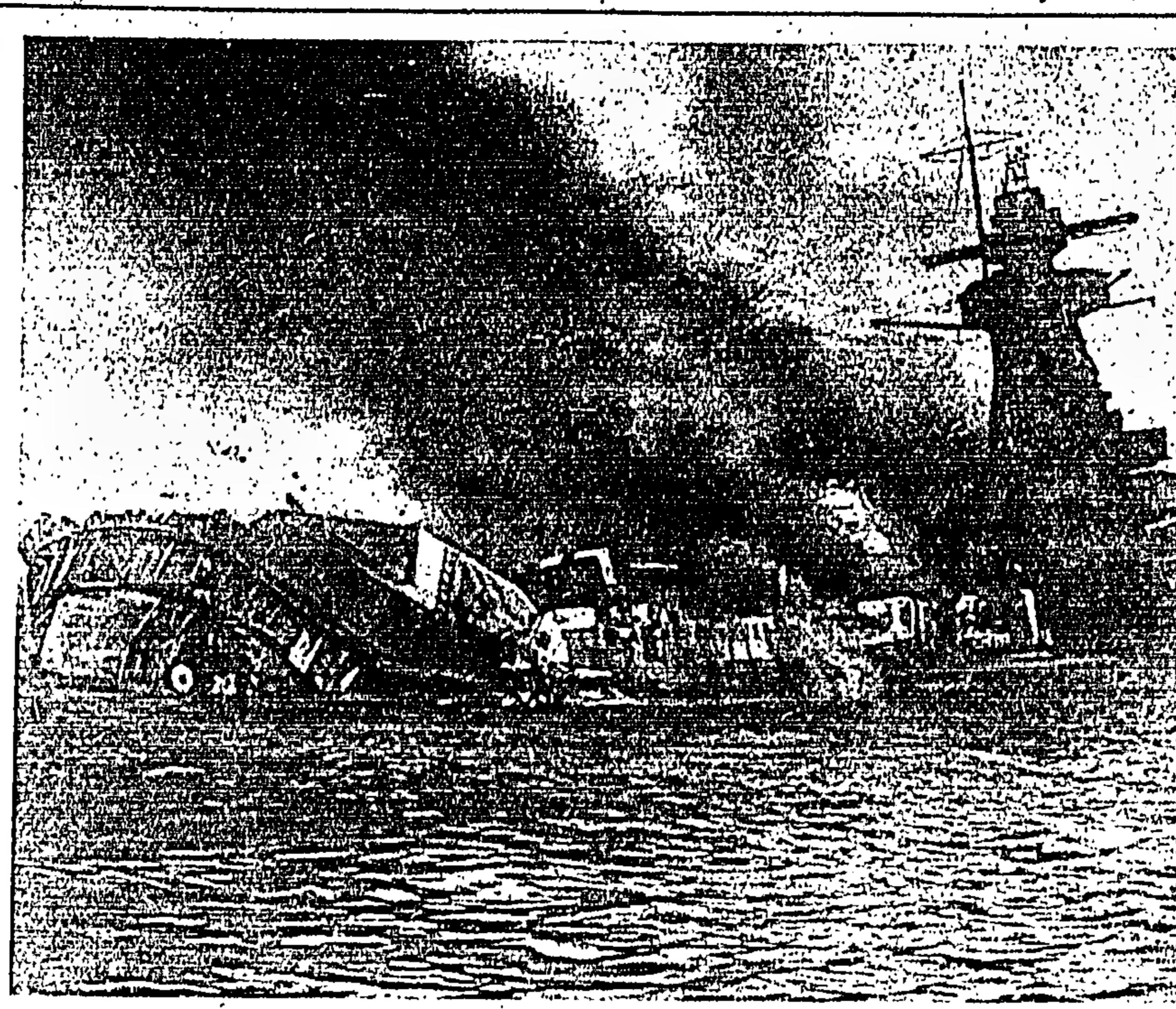
It is not known whether the *Dalaro* was mined or torpedoed.

Polish Liner Had Anzacs Aboard

LONDON, Feb. 14, (Reuter).—It is officially revealed that one of the transports used by the Australian and New Zealand Expeditionary Forces was a Polish vessel manned by Polish sailors.

Mr. E. V. Scarle, of 92 Waterloo Road, first floor, was robbed of an overcoat and a pair of spectacles to the total value of \$50 when a thief entered his home yesterday.

Det-Sgt. Fraser said there would be further charges against defendant.



THE FIRST original photograph of the final scenes at the scuttling of the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee. This picture shows the ship just before she scuttled beneath the waters of the River Plate. From bow to stern she was a mass of flames. Her hull is seen buckled and torn by the force of the exploding ammunition. (Fox Movietone picture.)

TWO ARMIES LOCKED IN DECISIVE WAR TO DEATH

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positions as they were mowed down by the fire of the defenders.

The Russians almost fatalistically obey the orders of their officers—orders which mean certain death for thousands of them.

Casualties are increasing, not only among the Russians but also among the defenders, who fight to the last man to defend—even the most insignificant outpost.

Up to this morning, when the most desperate onslaught of the war reached a new climax, the Russians' losses had run, according to Finnish official sources, into "very many thousands."

The Russians are apparently relying on their steam-roller tactics—constant pressure by an overwhelming number of men, tanks, guns and airplanes, to overwhelm the little Finnish defending fortifications through sheer exhaustion of man power and machinery.

50,000 Mortar Shells

Typical of the heculean Russian effort is the trench mortar fire from the Red lines.

It is computed that 12-inch mortars have hurled more than 50,000 shells at the Finnish lines since the offensive started, in support of waves after waves of mass bayonet charges.

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Wakama Scuttled

The Admiralty has announced that the German ship *Wakama* was located by aircraft from His Majesty's ships in the South Atlantic yesterday.

On being ordered to stop by aircraft the German crew set fire to the ship and scuttled her.

A British warship later picked up ten officers and 36 men.

It is reported in Rio de Janeiro that when the crew of the *Wakama* noticed the presence of H.M. cruiser *Hawkins*, they scuttled the ship off the coast of Brazil 13 hours after leaving Rio de Janeiro.

Meanwhile contradictory reports circulate here regarding the fate of the 43 members of the crew.

Some newspapers stated that they were saved by the *Hawkins* while others said they were drowned.

The *Wakama* was bound for Recife (Pernambuco) carrying a full cargo of 0,000 tons of grain, coffee, lard, leather, minerals and cotton.

She was the last German ship at Rio de Janeiro, to which port she had arrived a week before the outbreak of war.

Valuable Cargo

There is no explanation why the S.O.S. from the *Wakama* before she was scuttled was received in Rio de Janeiro yesterday afternoon and was relayed by the Spanish freighter *Arlanga Mendi*, 5,535 tons.

The Spanish vessel said she was 48 miles from the position and was sending prompt assistance. She later wirelessed that she had arrived and found no trace of the *Wakama*.

The scuttled *Wakama*'s cargo, it is reported, may be valued at \$250,000.

TWO SHIPS SCUTTLED AS NAZI ARMADA FLEES

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cable has been received in London to the effect that six German ships left the Spanish port of Vigo under cover of darkness on Saturday night in an attempt to run the British blockade.

Three others left Brazilian ports in addition to the *Wakama*, making a total of ten.

The newspaper says that the German vessels, which had been sheltering in neutral ports since the beginning of the war, received orders to attempt to return home or to scuttle themselves if necessary.

The ships which left Vigo are the *Wangon*, 8,848 tons; *Wahche*, 4,709 tons; *Orizaba*, 4,354 tons; *Arcuas*, 3,300 tons; *Rostock*, 2,542 tons; and the *Mora*, 1,827 tons.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

RECREIO BEAT C.S.C.C.

Rapid Century By Alec Pearce: Craigengower Trounce Kowloon

THE ONLY MATCH in the first division of the League on Saturday last was that between the Recreio at home and the Civil Service. The improved form of the latter team suggested the possibility that they might pull off the game, which would have a very great bearing on other Clubs' chances for the Shield. But it was not to be.

I estimate that playing on their own ground is worth fifty to seventy-five runs to the Recreio. They indeed started badly but recovered, and the Civil Service could do nothing with their excellent bowling on their very tricky wicket.

Good bowling by Perry and McLellan, and a run out enabled the Civil Service to get down the first five Recreio wickets for fifty, but then Gerry Gosano and Rodrigues came to the rescue. The bowling tired and Whitley was not on his day.

Again a run out helped as Gerry Gosano was out from an excellent return by Barrow, who was fielding very well at cover. But the bowling was bad—and some of the fielding—and the last three men got 46 be-

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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17th, 18th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The fifth interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day, including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting. (Ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will **NOT** be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of chits will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

No pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amanis will be allowed on the fifth day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including children, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie-Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders—**ONLY** on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entered close on Saturday, 24th February.

Forms are obtainable from all Clubs affiliated to the H.K.L.T.A.

ASTONISHING SALE OF DERBY TICKETS

THE SALE of sweep tickets on the Hongkong Derby has reached almost 450,000. For days a continuous stream of buyers has been moving up and down the stairway of Exchange Building, and if the remarkable rush continues—there are five and a half more days to go—the ultimate number of tickets sold is going to be prodigious.

The first prize will be about \$100,000, as sales stand at the moment, and around \$60,000 will be divided among the drawers of unplaced entries.

The proceeds of the sweep, after deducting expenses, are in aid of the British War Organisation Fund and the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

A MISERABLE SHOW

THE CIVIL SERVICE proceeded to give a most lamentable display. They were unlucky, it is true, in a couple of l.b.w. decisions—the ball that got Perry would have gone over the wicket as he was standing straight up hooking, and it got him in the tummy. Richardson's might have swung off the wicket, but at any rate he ought to have played the ball which was well up to him.

The only bright spot was a nice little innings of 20 by Hollidge, who, I think, the youngest member of the side. He played with confidence and made some very nice shots. Ozorio bowled very well again and took 5 for 30. It seems that he and E. L. Gosano, who took 3 for 18, have completely paralysed the Civil Service batsmen.

TERRIFIC SCORING

THE UNFORTUNATE thing about it was that, while I was wasting my time watching a procession, Alec Pearce was giving a splendid display of hurricane hitting on the Club ground.

The "Over 30" batted first, and did well to total 176 against the bowling of Aitkenhead and Day. T. E. Pearce (12) and Marshall (22) gave them a nice start and Ainslow (40)—Owen Hughes (38) and E. J. R. Mitchell (34) carried on the good work.

QUICK WICKETS

THE "UNDER 30" started most unpropitiously as Owen Hughes took the first four wickets, Carey, Sipthorpe, Day and King, with only 9 runs on the board. However, then Alec joined his brother John and the latter was the only other wicket to fall. Owen Hughes got this also and was the only bowler to do anything, showing figures of 11-0-72-5. Alec Pearce hit two sixes and 17 fours in his innings of 139 which I gathered lasted only an hour and a quarter.

ANOTHER FRIENDLY

CRAIGENGOWER Seniors turned out a full side and made 177 for 9 declared thanks chiefly to W. Hong Sling (81), F. R. Zimmern (53) and G. Souza (32), but the K.C.C. were without Lloyd and R. E. Lee in the bowling, and E. F. Fincher and Norman Mackay in the batting line. They failed completely, F. J. Lay and A. Zimmern alone getting double figures, and the side was out for 60.

It seems again an argument for the existence of the League as I find it hard to believe that all four were unavailable—the of course it may be so.

A LEAGUE WIN

THE ONLY other match of which I have record was a league game in the second Division between Craigengower at home and the Recreio. The latter were in luck's way. Last Saturday, as batting first they registered a win even as their first eleven did.

For the second, A. M. Prata (81) F. H. Carvalho (25 not out) and J. E. Noronha (22) were the principal scorers, but J. Soares (17) deserves credit for hanging on with Carvalho in a ninth wicket stand which enabled the side to declare with 166 for eight wickets.

Craigengower started badly losing four for 10, and though J. W. Leonard (38) C. W. Lane (23) and U. M. Oman (23) took things along a bit, N. Broomebridge and T. Locke failed to score, and though A. B. Hanson knocked up sixteen the whole side was out for 126.

ASTONISHING SALE OF DERBY TICKETS

NO ROWING BLUES BEING AWARDED THIS YEAR

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The Oxford and Cambridge boat-race at Henley on March 2 will be an unofficial race over 1½ miles. No Blues will be awarded.

Both Universities are training hard, attempting to cram two terms' work into a few weeks, choosing their eight from 70 or 80 candidates and a few Blues who are in residence.

Oxford intended using their 1938 boat, but it was seriously damaged in a bow collision during practice last week.

ROYAL ENGINEERS BEAT ROYAL SCOTS IN ARMY RUGGER LEAGUE

TWO MATCHES in the Army Rugby League were played yesterday on the Army ground, Sooknupoo, where the Royal Engineers defeated the Royal Scots in a thrilling game by 6 pts. (two tries) to nil, after leading 3-0 at half-time, and the 5th A. A. Brigade caused an upset by beating the 8th Heavy Brigade by 11 pts. (a goal and two tries) to 3 (try), after leading by 8-0 at the interval.

Low and hard tackling, fine back movements, and excellent foot rushes contributed to the splendid showing in the first game.

The Scots sadly missed. B. Ridsdale was fast, but was given little leeway. Duke, Pinkerton, Miller, and Sutherland shone for Scots in the pack, and although both sets of forwards played well in the loose, the Scots were unable to get going—the quick breaking of the Sappers' pack giving their opponents' backs little opportunity to break away.

Waite was outstanding among the Engineers' backs, but it was up forward that the winners triumphed. Birrell, Sappers' left wing-three, brought off two astonishing kicks, both of which were between 45 and 50 yards from the posts near the touchline, and both sailed 10 or 15 feet over the bar and almost directly over the centre.

Apperley, Eozan, Brinkley and Sheldrake were the pick of the pack.

SPARKLING MOVEMENTS

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Test Cricket

England Unlikely To Visit Australia

MELBOURNE, Feb. 13. Mr. A. W. D. Robertson, Chairman of the Cricket Board of Control, stated to-day that in view of the world situation and Empire interest he did not think a visit of an English test team to Australia next year would be either desirable or profitable, but should England suggest such a tour Australia would consider it. He said, however, that he felt sure no such move would be made. —United Press.

World Athletic Record Broken

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (UP).—John Borican, National A.A.U. outdoor pentathlon champion, representing the Shore Athletic Club, established a new world's record to-day in the three-quarter mile run, with a time of 8.2/16. The former record for this event, 8.3/14, was set by Lloyd Hahn of Kansas, in 1935.

Don Lash, representing the Indiana Police, beat Gregory Rice, National A.A.U. 5,000 metre champion in the two-mile event, with a time of 9.00/10.

Around The Courses

LONG DRIVE RECORDS

CLOSE GAMES IN COUNTRY CLUB COMPETITIONS

Mrs. Kew Again Wins Ladies' Championship

(By "Birdie")

A RECENTLY REPORTED DISCUSSION among several great American golfers at the White Sulphur Springs G.C. following the \$10,000 Miami Open tournament was about long drives. Gene Sarazen opined that Sam Snead, who won the Miami competition and thereby gained a quarter of the total prize money, was the longest driver, for consistent long distance, that golf has ever had. The statement aroused considerable differences of opinion.

Snead, incidentally, edged out Harold McSpaden, who won the Manila Open title this year, by the narrow margin of two strokes—nine under par—the score being 271 to 273. McSpaden was the holder, and was strongly favoured to win again, and though he rallied on the last round, Snead came home with a six-under-par 64, tied the course record, and nosed home by two strokes.

Another great incident in this tournament was the winning of the Harry Vardon Trophy by Byron Nelson. He beat Henry Picard by 473 points to 461 for the trophy, emblematic of the year's professional supremacy. Nelson finished fifth in the Miami Open with 278, while Picard was 14th with 282.

Picard, however, had the honour to finish top of the year's list of greatest money winners, for though he only won \$100, his total earnings for the year were \$10,303 against Snead's \$9,712 (including the \$2,500 won at this tournament). Ralph Guldahl, whose 281 earned him \$100 here, was third on the list with \$9,477, and Nelson, taking \$600 from the Miami Open, was fourth with \$9,444.

However, returning to the long drives, Craig Wood started the hubbub when he claimed that Jimmy Thomson would outhit Snead on each and every occasion. Tommy Armour voted for neither, and produced his own candidate—a former assistant of his named Clarence Gamber, who, said Armour, once took a 12-ounce club and clouted a ball for 320 yards.

Henry Picard—champion Jesse Gifford, a former national amateur champion, whose record drive was claimed to be 247 yards.

But Craig Wood out-bid them all when he pointed out that Thomson had once knocked a ball 20 yards over a green on a 385-yard hole.

The argument ended here when someone pointed out that Thomson had cut across a dog-leg to do that drive, and it only measured 275 yards as a crow flew!

THE Golfer's Handbook, however, contains what it terms "the longest recorded and fully authenticated drive" ever accomplished—one of 445 yards (four-and-a-half times, take my word for it) by E. C. Blasius at Herne Bay in August 1913. The distance and drop in level were measured by a Government Surveyor, and the latter figure was 57 feet.

J. T. SMITH winds up a remarkable story of the match at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club with his victory over J. W. Mayhew in the Captain's Cup final. Together with this trophy he has the Colony Championship and the Jasper Clark Cup victories to his credit. Something to be proud of.

The usual dinner which follows the annual President's Captain's match at the Country Club will be held the coming Friday. There is a bit of a deadlock at the moment—half of the members wanting to eat in Kowloon and the other half in Hongkong. If there seems no solution, I would suggest that all the losers are to pay for the dinner they might be allowed to choose where it is to be had.

In the results of the match the other day I omitted the names of Mr. and Miss Oel, who played in the singles, but not the foursomes. They elected to be styled "camp followers."

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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

"Gone With The Wind"

RECENTLY the cinema event for which America has waited for three years took place in Atlanta, Ga.—the premiere of the Technicolour film "Gone With The Wind".

Governor Eurith D. Rivers proclaimed a Statewide holiday and 300,000 film fans lined up for seven miles to watch the procession of motor-cars which brought Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable, his wife Carole Lombard, Producer David O. Selznick, Laurence Olivier and others from the air port.

The night before the premiere of the film a costume ball was held. At the premiere, hundreds of delighted Georgians clapped, cheered, whistled and wept at the historical sequences.

New York Debut

The film was also shown at New York's Astor and Capitol Theatres and was hailed unanimously by all as an excellent film. Olivia de Havilland, James Stewart, Will Hay, David Selznick, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the Vanderbilt clan, Doris Duke Cromwell and nearly every millionaire and his wife in New York were present at the screening.

It took three years to make this film from a novel which Margaret Mitchell took seven years to write.

Producer Selznick's first trouble was to reduce the 1,037-page novel to a workable Hollywood script.

Sidney Howard, one of the ablest script writers, arrived in Hollywood in the spring of 1937. Throughout that summer, together with Selznick and George Cukor, he worked on the first script. When finished it was found to be too long so they made another script. In 1938, many famous writers were all working on the script.

Search for Star

Production finally started but results came slowly. For two years Selznick had nobody to play the part of Scarlett O'Hara so parts were taken and scenes decapitated throughout America. During the filming of one of the first scenes—that of the burning of Atlanta—Myron Selznick took Vivien Leigh with him on the set and invited his brother "to meet Scarlett O'Hara."

When the news came out that she had been given the part, a few protests were heard. On the whole, however, the Southerners were pleased to hear that an English girl and not a Yankee had been chosen for the part.

American cinema fans unanimously voted that Clark Gable must play Rhett Butler.

Selznick also agreed with them that he should cast Olivia de Havilland as Melanie Hamilton, Leslie Howard as Ashley Wilkes, and Laura Hope Crews as Aunty Pittypat.

Then Selznick cast Thomas Mitchell as Gerald O'Hara and Hattie McDaniel as Mammy.

Four Hour Show

In January 1939, the filming of "Gone With The Wind" commenced in earnest and six months later the final scenes were taken. The cutting of the film then began. Over 225,000 feet of film had to be cut and spliced into a moving picture short enough to exhibit. After working day and night, Selznick and his staff finally produced the finished film which runs for just under four hours.

The picture has to make about \$5,000,000 before it begins to earn any profits at all. Dow Jones receipts of this film might bring shareholders in Loew's Incorporated upwards of \$1 per share.



VIVIEN Leigh, who appears as Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind", shown as she arrived for the Atlanta premiere of the film. She was introduced to audiences over a nation-wide hook-up by Mayor Hartsfield of Atlanta.

AT THE CINEMAS

Queen's and Alhambra: "Wizard of Oz" (Judy Garland, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr)

Oriental: "Adventures of Robin Hood" (Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland)

Majestic: "Society Lawyer" (Walter Pidgeon, Virginia Bruce)

King's: "Young Mr. Lincoln" (Henry Fonda)

Best Films Of 1939

ACCORDING to the "Sunday Times" here are the ten best films of 1939:

"Stagecoach" (American):

Director, John Ford. Leading players, Claire Trevor, John Wayne.

"La Femme Du Boulanger" (French): Director, Marcel Pagnol. Leading players, Raimu, Genette Leclerc.

"Professor Mamlock" (Russian):

Directors, Adolf Minin and Herbert Ravnort. Leading player S. Mekhnik.

"Hostages" (French): Director, Raymond Bernard. Leading players, Saturnin Fabre, Charpin, Larquey.

"Les Gens Du Voyage" (French): Director, Jacques Feyder. Leading players, Françoise Rosay, Pierre Fresnay.

"Wuthering Heights" (American):

Director, William Wyler. Leading players, Laurence Olivier, Merle Oberon.

"Only Angels Have Wings" (American): Director, Howard Hawks. Leading players, James Arthur, Cary Grant.

"On the Night of the Fire" (British): Directors, Brian Desmond Hurst. Leading players, Ralph Richardson, Diana Wynyard.

"The Marx Brothers at the Circus" (American): Director, Edward Buzzell. Leading players, the Marx Brothers.

"La Dame Humaine" (French): Director, Jean Renoir. Leading players, Jean Gabin, Simone Simon.

The "Sunday Times" critic adds:

"Anatole Litvak's "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" nearly went into the list. So did Anthony Asquith's "French Without Tears," Frank Capra's "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," Marcel Carné's "Quai des Brumes" and "Hotel du Nord," and the first half of Leo McCarey's "Love Affair."

Chaplin Film

On the other hand, most think that 1939 was a lean film year—especially in regard to farce films. There is still nothing from Chaplin, though at last "The Dictator" is in production; no successors to Harold Lloyd or Laurel and Hardy except Laurel and Hardy; and two failures from Fernandel, which have just about wiped out the credit he laid up with "Virtuous Idiots."

By way of comparison, we had the witty British satire "A Girl Must Live" with dialogue by Frank Launder in the best Hollywood manner and a patchily brilliant production from the Marx Brothers. Our own Correspondent.

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Film Of Prehistoric Tribes

WORD comes from Hollywood that David W. Griffith and Hal Roach are producing a picture in which they are looking backward, past the birth of the cinema at which they officiated, to 1,000,000 years B.C.

Both are reported to have admitted that "it is a screwy idea," but, nevertheless, it sounds a good one.

Dawn Age

They are collaborating on a screen version of the dawn age, titled "1,000,000 B.C." This effort of theirs is, in effect, a silent picture. It opens in the present era, on a conversation between a scientist and some young people and fades back a million years, with the scientist's voice continuing as a commentary. Each sequence thereafter begins with a cloud "shot," according to Mr. Griffith's plan, and then the camera comes down to the action.

The story deals with two prehistoric tribes—the Rock people, a rugged race, and the Shell tribe, a gentler and more kindly group. The civilizing of the former by the latter by means of the charm of Carol Landis, the leading lady, who softens the savage heart of Victor Mature, the leading man, forms the theme of the picture.

No English is spoken by the prehistoric characters, which will mean, as Roach points out, that the foreign market can be completely exploited by United Artists, the distributing company, simply by changing the commentary. The incomprehensible language which the ancients used presented something of a problem.

Dialogue Trouble

Miss Florence McEnany of the studio research department was assigned to prepare prehistoric dialogue. She obtained glossaries of four extinct American Indian tongues—the Ofo, the Biloxi, the Natick and the Bontoc-Igorot. From these she compiled two languages, one for each tribe. But (and a shocking commentary it is on the propensities of the civilized ear) when speaking these unpolished primitive polyglots suggested such double-entendres that they had to be scrapped. The dialogue is now more McEnany than anything else.

At its inception, "1,000,000 B.C." was meant to adhere to recognized scientific theory, but when Roach and Griffith realized that their players would have to appear as savages, with only a matting of body hair to screen them from the Hayes office, they decided to endow their characters with a knowledge of the art of hide-tanning. Having gone so far, they remembered that "after all, the screen is meant for entertainment," and now their scenario contains specimens of the fauna of almost every geological age.

This picture, which is under contract with the King's Theatre, will be shown here as early as possible.

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"Hullo, bit of excitement down there," and he jerked his head downwards. The R.A.F. Armada flashed onwards.

"Yes," replied the navigating officer, "Ship's crew's bathing!" The pilot's lips creased in a smile. "They can't have expected us!"

Suddenly, in a voice vibrant with excitement, the pilot yelled: "There she is!"



FAR below lay the Kiel Canal, the object of their trip. It lay, a tempting target, with ships resting, unsuspecting the hell that was about to be let loose.

"Signal—line astern" came a voice.

From the plane the Verey pistol spoke and the light from the pistol flashed through the air.

"Right, here we go," called the pilot. His hand flicked down the switches, while the bomb aimer waited, taut and alert. Down scudded the plane.

"Right," snapped the bomb aimer. "Steady."

Again the plane dipped, roaring through the sky. The bomb aimer's hand hovered over a switch.

And down from the plane, straight as a die, a grim ambassador of death, fell the first bomb.

It hit the sea with thunderous force, exploding near the battleship and swirling the ocean into an angry crescendo of fury.

The dull roar of the explosion resounded through the plane as it swooped upwards on its non-stop flight. Another bomb fell, still closer this time, and again a giant swirl of water was flung up like a ferocious fountain.

Across the decks of the battleship rushed frantic sailors as death rained so suddenly from the skies. Another bomb left the hatch, down, down, down with unerring accuracy, it hit the battleship and a sullen roar told that the bomb had found its mark.

"We've hit him," snapped the pilot suddenly, and the bomb aimer gave the "Thumbs Up" signal. Below, the grey ocean tossed amid the smoke and debris around the ship.

Suddenly there came the swift venomous snarl of machine-gun fire, crackling across the sky.

"Hey, step on it," rapped out the navigating officer, "you've got a Messerschmitt on your tail!"

Cutting through the sky came a Nazi plane, hurling towards the British invader, prepared for a death duel, eager to take toll of the plane that had smashed the Nazi battleship.

An anawering hall of machine-gun fire burst from the back of the British plane.

"After course to 110 degrees," called the navigator.

"Okay!" called back the pilot. "I'm going down to a hundred feet for the run into the coast."

Down the plane swooped, like some giant hawk, sighting its prey. Below lay the coastline.

That night was to see an attack on the accused shores of Britain, yet no enthusiasm for the advent-

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ture ahead could be seen in those sullen faces.

The iron heel of discipline held them rigid as their Commander rapped out his final instructions.

As the officer finished his tirade, the pilots clicked heels. "Heil, Hitler!" they snapped, turning to the portrait of the Fuehrer that brooded from the wall. Then they filed out to the waiting planes.

MEANWHILE in Britain, activity was rife. Into the telephone the Chief of Air Staff jerked his orders: "I've just received information that an enemy attack is expected to-night. Raise balloon barrage."

Hidden somewhere in Britain is an organisation known as Fighter Command, whence the entire defence of the British Isles against air attack is directed.

Here is a miracle of organisation. Telephonists receive messages and reports from every post in the country.

On a huge table is a map of the Eastern half of Britain, the North Sea and the German coast, and the map is divided into three sections, Southern Group, Midland Group, and Northern Group. It is the nerve centre of Britain's defence system and that night it was a live of activity.

"To-night's the night," . . . the brief message was passed from lip to lip and mouths tightened grimly and eyes sparkled with eager anticipation.

Huddled in a bush by the side of a wood sat three civilian observers.

"To think that for years I've wanted a dark room for developing, and now that every room in the house is dark, I'm stuck out here!" grumbled one with a good-humoured snort.

"Listening for them!" retorted his colleague. Suddenly the phone buzzed. "Hello, yes, sir?"

A pause, then to his friends, "They expect 'em to-night!"

Northern Group, Midland Group, Southern Group . . . all were ready to give the invaders a warm welcome. And, hidden in the darkness, sat British pilot waiting for the word to take off.

Through the night zoomed the Nazi planes, and in the interior of the Fighter Command alert eyes and ears were awaiting their coming.

Suddenly the air became electric. The Air Officer Commander-in-Chief urgently summoned the Southern Group. "Raids 1 and 2 are entering your area. Carry on and deal with them."

"Yes, sir," replied the Group Controller. He turned to another phone. "Braxted?"

Wing Commander Ralph Richardson replied. "It listened intently. "O.K." Then gave his orders. "A Flight 299." It was zero hour.

WITH the enthusiasm of small boys let out of school earlier than they expected, the pilots waiting near their Spitfires leapt into action.

Propellers started to turn. Bobby fastened his parachute to his back, adjusted his goggles, and half-grinned at the other pilots who were to share the danger ahead.

Then he hopped nimbly into the cockpit of his plane, waved cheerily to the boys of the ground staff, and scuttled off into the darkness.

"Flight A air-borne," reported the telephone operator to Richardson. "O.K." replied Ralph. "Put B. Flight at readiness."

High in the heavens the Spitfires were flashing towards a death duel. "Cornflower Red calling station control," snapped Bobby into his radio.

"Cornflower Red 80 degrees—2,000 feet a minute—speed 180. . . ." replied Richardson.

Again Bobby spoke into his microphone, this time to the pilot in the plane next to him. "O.K. Ted?"

"Right with you, Bob!" replied Ted, chewing more fiercely at his gum.

"O.K. Dopey?" called Bob.

The pilot in the third Spitfire sat gazing into space, his face devoid of all emotion. Those that didn't know Dopey for a sky daredevil with a nerve of iron might have thought that he was falling asleep at his controls. "Hey, Dopey are you O.K.?"

Dopey jerked to sudden realisation. "What? Good. Lord, yes. O.K. . . . all serene!"

Bobby grinned. He knew his Dopey.

"O.K. Gang—let's go!" yelled Bobby with a whoop of pure excitement.

Neare came the Nazi bombers. Down below in Fighter Command every movement of the enemy was being noted on the giant action map. At the Fighter Station Richardson steadily stuck at his radio navigating the air-knights above.

"Five bandits six miles southwest," he rapped out to Bobby way up in the skies. The Spitfires circled, never losing speed. "Should be any minute now," muttered Richardson.

Suddenly Bobby's jaw tightened. "Here they are, boys. No. 1 Attack . . . Go!"

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Several Thieves Appear
In Magistracies

More wood-thieves were charged with possession before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Ten people, of whom eight were women, were accused of the possession of 312 cartels of wood between them. They were arrested in the Tyton Tui Reservoir area yesterday.

Inspector A. V. Baker said the case was not a very serious one, but much damage had been done by tree-cutters in this particular area. Moreover, the majority of the defendants in this case had money in their possession, and there was no question of them being without means.

All defendants were fined \$10 or three weeks' hard labour.

Five other people were charged with possession. Two were sentenced to a month's hard labour, two were ordered to be expelled from the colony as destitutes, and the other was ordered to be sent to the country on his undertaking not to return to Hongkong.

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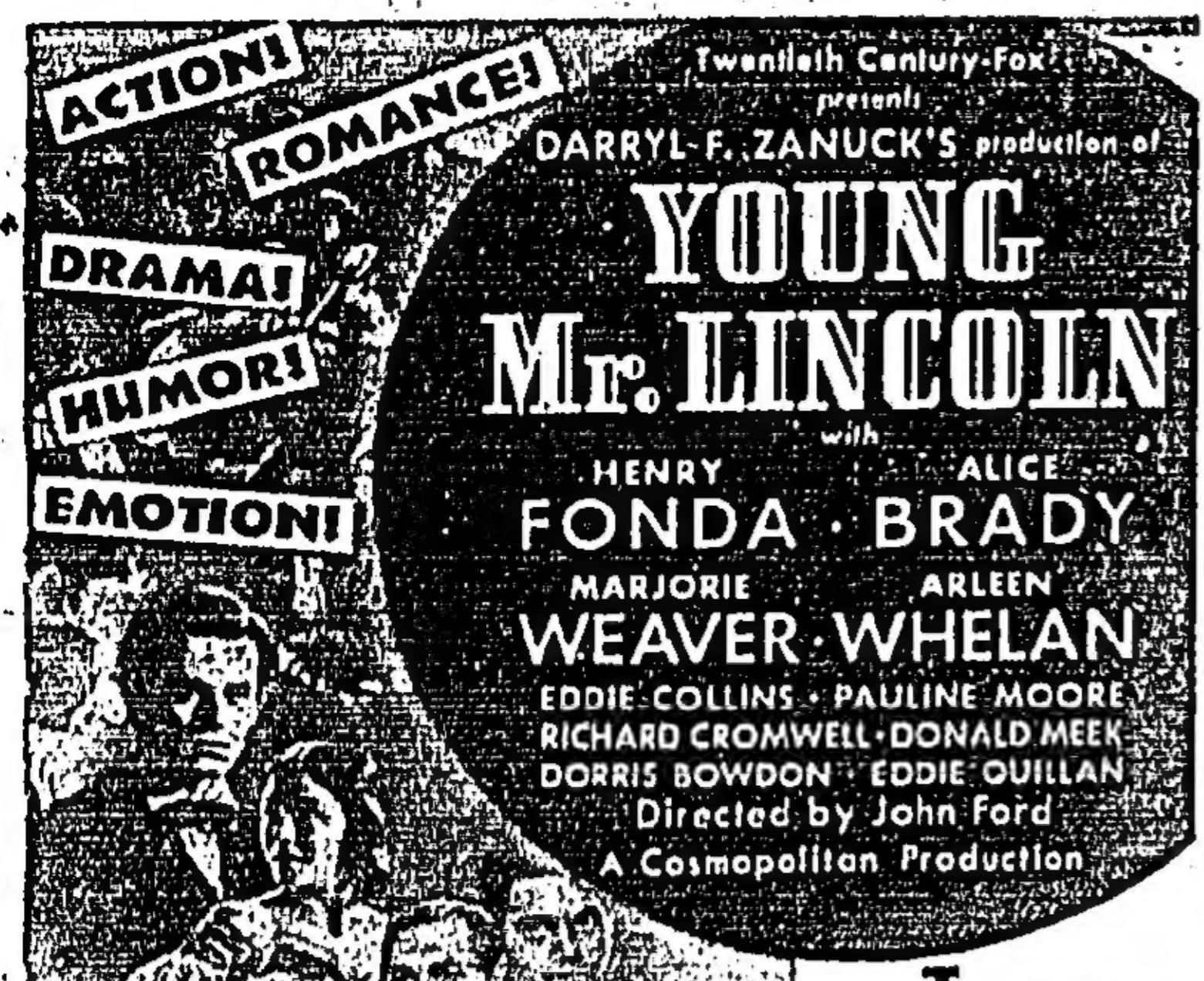
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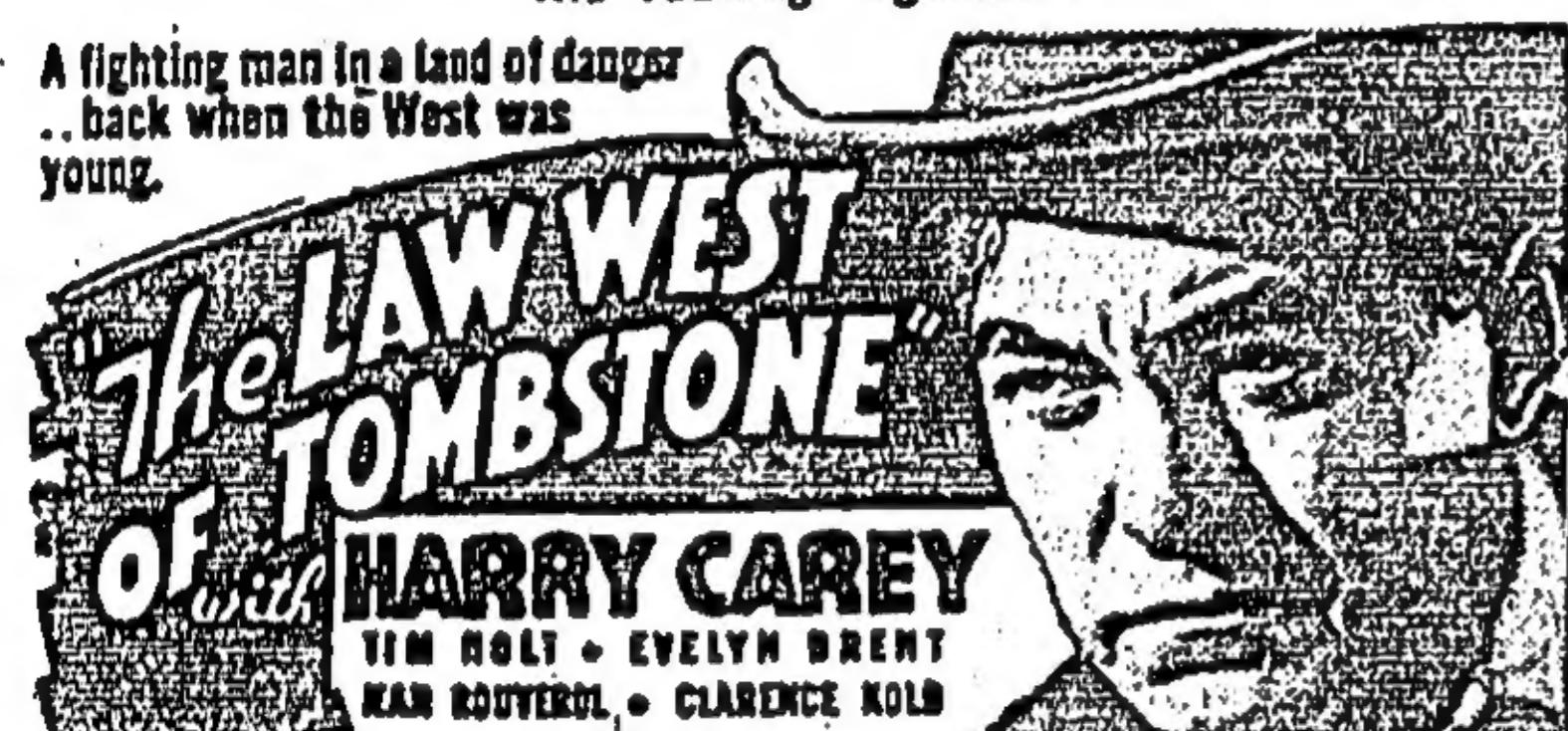
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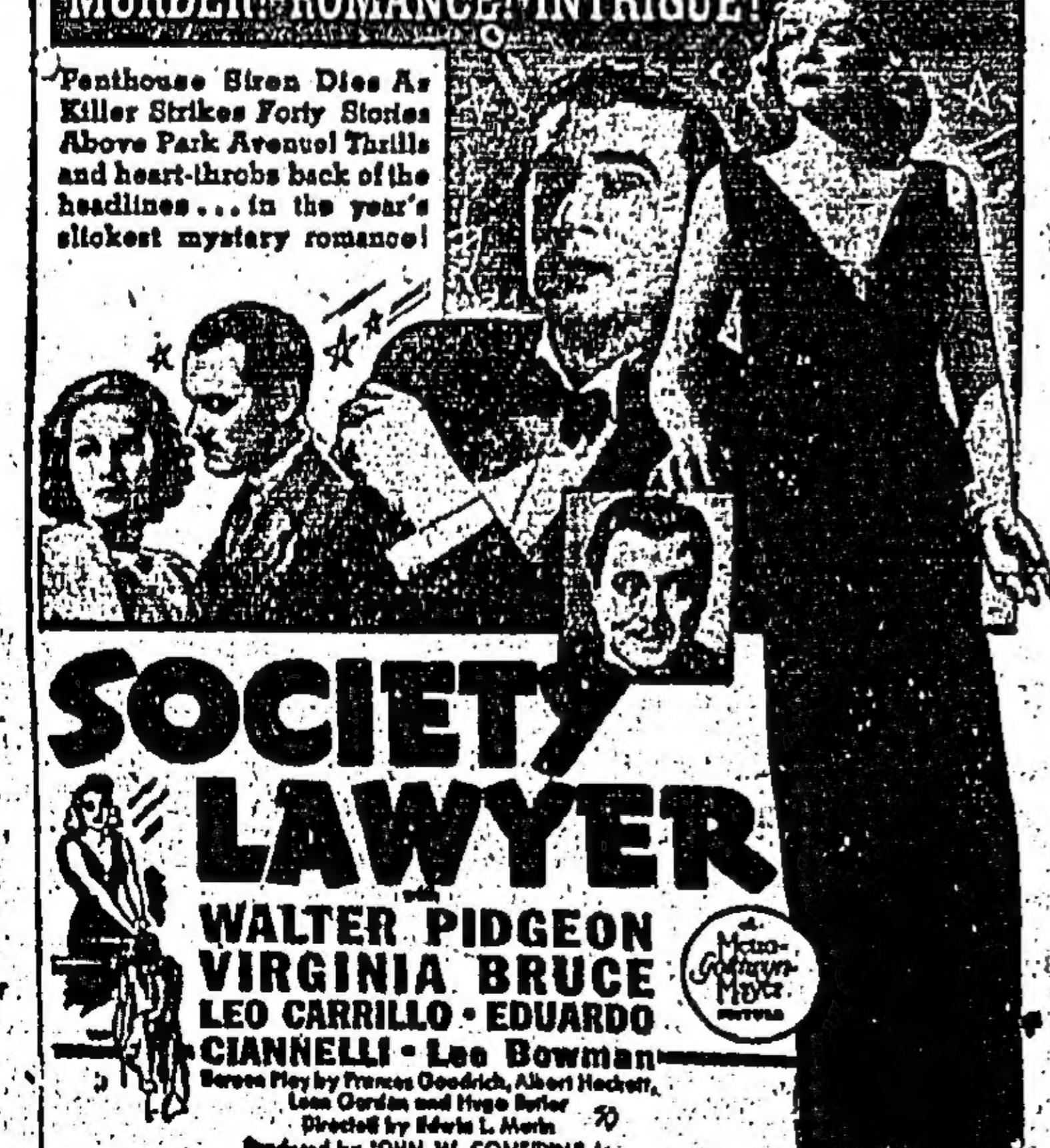
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U.S. State Department And War In East

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has expressed the State Department's disapproval of the resolution to invoke the Neutrality Act in the undeclared war between Japan and China, according to Senator Key Pittman.

Pittman told press representatives to-day that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would probably consider Mr. Cordell Hull's opinion as also reflecting the State Department's views on the undeclared Russo-Finnish war.

Senator Pittman declined to make public the contents of a letter in which Mr. Cordell Hull outlined his views, but said that Mr. Cordell Hull apparently felt that the peace and security of the United States was not directly involved in either conflict.

Cry For Embargo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The cry for a moral embargo against Japan is raised by Senator Norris.

It is generally thought, however, that in the most vital aspect, namely oil, this is inapplicable.

Exports of war material must obtain State Department licences and their moral pressure can be applied, but oil companies do not require licences.

Hence it is difficult to apply pressure there. Moreover, it is reported that there is not the same unanimity between oil companies as regards sales to Japan as exists among aircraft manufacturers.

Present indications are that the Senate will proceed cautiously in dealing with proposals for an official Government embargo against Japan.

More Seamen Wanted By Admiralty

LONDON, Feb. 13 (British Wireless).—Since war began 10,000 experienced seamen have joined the Royal Navy Patrol Service, and recruiting is proceeding at a rate of 300 a week. It is now stated that the Admiralty will require a further 10,000 to man the growing fleet small craft of all types engaged in mine-laying, mine sweeping, anti-submarine service and all kinds of patrol work.

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